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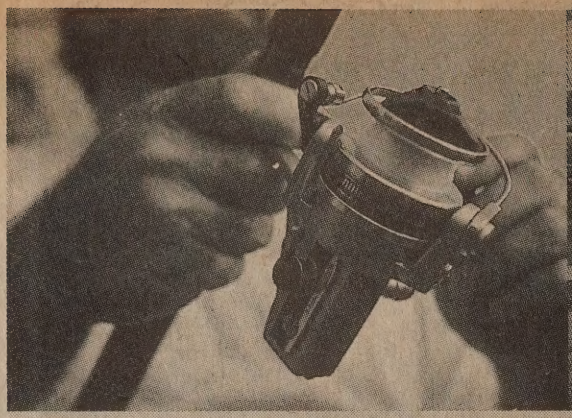

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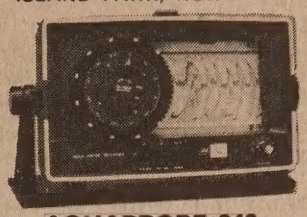

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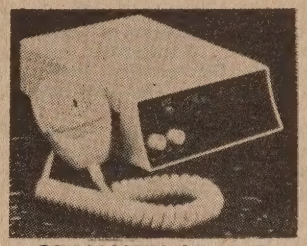

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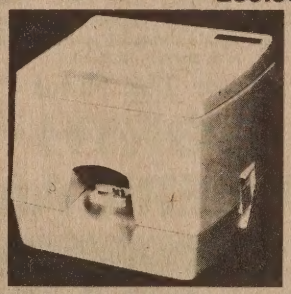

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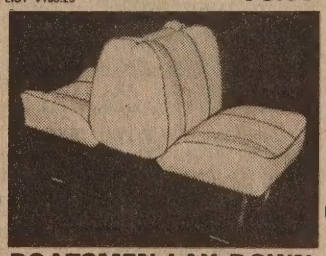

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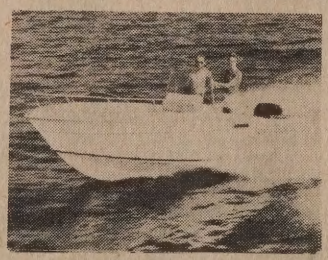

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# NEW SHARK TOURNAMENT JULY 12 AND 13 AT MONTAUK TO BENEFIT TWO CHARITIES

Sport fishing for sharks continues to grow in popularity since it received a shot in the arm a few years ago from the "Jaws" craze, and with this popularity many shark fishing tournaments have popped up around the Island. In most of the tournaments all of the entry fees, minus expenses, are returned in the form of prize money. But there has also been a tournament where the promoter pocketed all the entry fee money. This has been the case at a marina in Montauk for several years now, which has resulted in many complaints being received by L.I.F. from readers who thought they were being ripped off. At the time, all we could tell these unfortunates was **caveat emptor**—let the buyer beware.

But now there is another alternative for those who wish to compete in a shark tournament at Montauk this summer. The **Montauk Captains' Association** is sponsoring a **"Charity Shark Tournament,"** and the entry fee money will be divided (after minimal expenses for bait) with half of the money being awarded as cash prizes and the remaining half being donated to the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Fund. In addition to the cash prizes, there will be many trophies, fishing tackle and marine electronic equipment awarded to the winners of various categories. The tournament will be non-profit, and the M.C.A. will gain nothing but goodwill from its efforts.

The **M.C.A. Charity Shark Tournament** will be held on the weekend of July 12 and 13 at Henry Colombi's **Star Island Yacht Club.** A captains' meeting will be held on the Star Island Yacht Club's Captains' Lounge on Friday night, where numbers will be given out and rules will be discussed. The entry fee is $150 per boat, and both individuals and organized fishing clubs are invited to participate. The entry fee includes one can of chum and one flat of bait per boat per day. To prevent the tournament from becoming a shark kill, only one shark (minimum weight 100 lbs.) may be weighed in each day by each boat, and tags will be available for those who want to tag their sharks. Jack Casey, the famous shark expert, will also be on hand to examine the sharks weighed in for research purposes. The judges of the contest will be Jerry Kenney of the N. Y. Daily News, Nick Karas of Newsday, and myself. Henry Colombi of the Star Island Yacht Club will be the official weigh-master.

We think that the concept of this tournament is an excellent idea whose time has come, and we applaud the M.C.A. members for their efforts. On pages five and six of this issue, we are printing the Official Entry Form and rules for the Tournament, and urge fishing clubs to send a boat to represent them in the contest. If your club has a rule about participating in a tournament that awards cash prizes, there is an easy solution: if your club wins, it could donate the prize money to the charities involved. Individuals are also urged to join the tournament—shark fishing can always use a little competitive spirit to liven things up.

Scott J. Simons

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# OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Tournament Date
July 12 & 13

**Entry** (Check One)
Individual
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Entrant's Name _____ Club (if any)_____

Home Address _____

Name of Boat _____ Owner of Boat _____

Type of Boat _____ Make of Boat _____

Length _____ Color Hull_____ Color Deck _____ Flying Bridge_____

Beam _____ Draft _____ Fuel (gas or diesel) _____ Cruising Speed_____

VHF Call Number _____ *Dockage Required Yes_____ No_____
at $21.50 per night

Documentation or Reg. Number _____ Do you require release tags?_____

*Dockage fee not included in entry fee—send check to M.C.A.

Application must be completed in full.
Minimum boat size will be 24 feet in length.
All entry fees are non-refundable.

Total number of persons expected on boat for tournament_____

All entrants must leave for each day's fishing from Star Island Yacht Club and all fish will be weighed in at the M.C.A. Tournament official weigh-in station at the Star Island Yacht Club.

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I and all those on my boat, hereby release and discharge and agree in indemnify and hold harmless the Montauk Captains Association, the individual Officers and Directors, the members of the M.C.A. Shark Tournament Committee and other committees and the Town of East Hampton and each of them, of and from any and all liability of any nature whatsoever arising out of, or because of, or during participation in this M.C.A. Shark Tournament and hereby permit the taking and publication of any photographs and moving pictures of my boat and the individuals thereon.

I, and all those on my boat agree to abide by the decisions of the Rules Committee, Judges and Tournament Committee.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to Measure all boats and reject any application.

Signature of Entrant _____

Make Checks Payable To:
Montauk Captains Assoc., Inc.

Entry Fee—$150

Return this completed form with check to:
William Bock, Treas.
19 Cambridge Street
Roslyn Heights, NY 11577

Application must be submitted no later than **June 1, 1980.**

## MONTAUK CAPTAINS ASSOCIATION (MCA)

# 1st ANNUAL CHARITY SHARK TOURNAMENT

# JULY 12 and 13, 1980

## STAR ISLAND YACHT CLUB, MONTAUK, N.Y.

**Montauk Captains Assoc. (MCA) Officers:**

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**Tournament Officials:**

Henry Colombi, Scott Simons, Jerry Kenney, Nick Karas, Jack Casey

**Captains Meeting—Friday, July 11, 1980—8 p.m.**

**Tournament Rules and Regulations:**

1. Eligibility:
   a. Montauk charter boats, invited club and individual boats.
   b. All entrants must be approved by the Tournament Committee.
   c. Minimum boat size will be 24 feet in length.
   d. All boats must have operational VHF radio.
2. Fees:
   a. $150 per boat. Fees must be paid by June 1, 1980.
   b. 1 can of chum and 1 flat of bait per boat per day will be issued free of charge as part of the entry fee. (Upon receipt of daily manifest)
   c. Boats can buy additional chum (see tackle rules).
   d. Pennants and numbers will be provided for each boat entered.
3. Tackle:
   a. IGFA rules shall apply unless otherwise specified.
   b. Bait and chum shall be "from the sea", live bait can be caught during Tournament hours.
   c. Tackle is defined as consisting of rod, reel, line, leader, hooks and harness.
   d. 130 lb. class line will be the heaviest allowed.
   e. A detachable head gaff with a shaft no more than 8 feet from the head will be permitted.
   f. Tackle may be inspected by the Tournament officials, leader and hook shall remain with the fish until weigh in time.
   g. Officials may inspect tackle at any time and line tests may be required.
   h. No harpoon equipment will be allowed.
   i. No shooting of sharks.
   j. No mutilated sharks will be weighed in.
4. Safety:
   a. The safety boat will determine weather conditions and may cancel or delay the daily tournaments after consulation with the Tournament Committee.
   b. At all times and in any weather, owners or captains of boats in the Tournament will make their own decisions concerning the operation of their boats.
   c. All entrants are to be aware that they enter the Tournament at their own risk.
5. General Regulations:
   a. Each boat must submit a list of passengers daily to the dockmaster.
   b. Each boat shall call the dockmaster at approximately 3 p.m.
   c. All fishing stops at 2 P.M. or 3 P.M. depending on Start Time (except if fish is being fought at this time)

      Starting Times: Boats 1-50 5 A.M. Sat - 6 A.M. Sun.
      Boats 51-100 6 A.M. Sat - 5 A.M. Sun.

   d. Boats must enter the jetties by 5 P.M. and 6 P.M. depending on Start Time
   e. Channel 6 will be the official channel. Please use it sparingly.
   f. All fishing courtesies will be extended to other boats.
   g. Assigned numbers must be displayed.
   h. Protests will be on rules only. Decision of the judges will be final. All protests will be made in writing within one half hour after weigh in.
6. Tournament Awards:
   a. First, second and third place prizes will be assigned by the weight of each shark. (Prize ratio—3:2:1)
   b. Other awards will be distributed by judgement of the Tournament officials.
   c. No shark less than 100 lbs. will be weighed in.
   d. Only one shark per boat per day will be weighed in.
   e. Sharks brought in for weighing will be the property and responsibility of the captains of each vessel.
   f. Awards will be made on final day of Tournament.
7. If for any reason the Tournament is cancelled, a drawing supervised by the officials will be held at 6 p.m. on July 13.

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### LENT ON BOATING BAN

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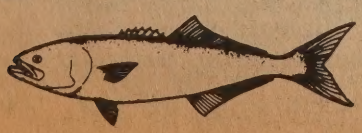
The law calling for development of a standby emergency conservation plan enacted last year specifically prohibits imposition of an unreasonably disproportionate share of restrictsion burdens on any particular class of industry or business. Because a weekend boating ban clearly violates the intent of Congress in approving that law, I have joined in co-sponsoring a Congressional resolution expressing opposition to regulations that would unduly burden recreational boaters.

If this proposal is put into effect, areas such as Long Island, where recreational boating and sport fishing are integral parts of our economy, would bear the brunt of the burden. The economic impact of such a ban would be devastating for areas near water, while other parts of the country would not be asked to make a similar sacrifice.

You can count on my strong opposition to this proposal. If you agree, I hope you will take a moment to let me know. In addition, I would welcome your comments and suggestions on what a Standby Federal Emergency Energy Conservation Plan **should** require insofar as recreational energy is concerned, as I am anxious that the Department of Energy benefit from your advice and judgement as it attempts to develop a plan which is equitable for all.

Thank you for your help. I look foward to hearing from you soon, **Norman F. Lent, Member of Congress.**

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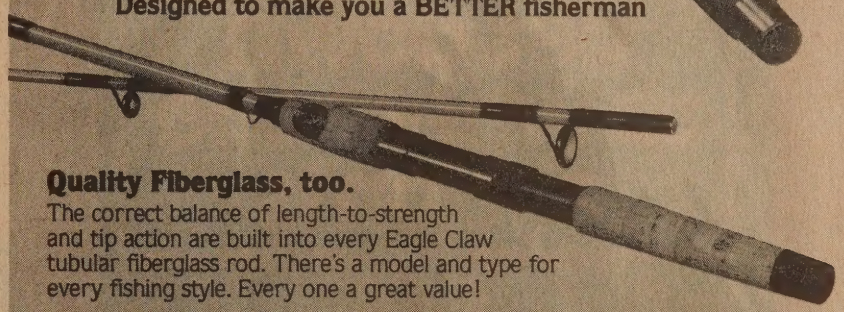

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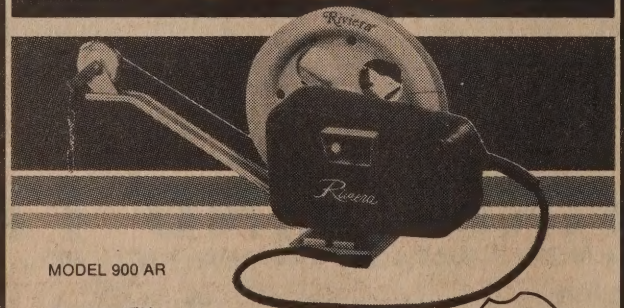


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### GLEN COVE ANGLERS

The Glen Cove Anglers' Club held their awards dinner dance on March 1. Awards went to: P. Bailey, bass and weakfish; C. Paris, bluefish; Poppy Olsen; blackfish and Charlie Vanek, fluke and flounder.

Additional Derby awards went to well deserving fishermen.

### NORTH SHORE ANGLERS

The North Shore Anglers of Port Jefferson, L.I., established 1939, will hold their annual awards dinner dance at Deno's Rest., Port Jefferson, April 19.

The following members will receive 1st place awards.

Glenn Dennis, L.I. bass boat, 52.8; 1st place L.I. weakfish, 11.8

Barry Ascher: 1st place local bass boat, 30.8. 1st place local bluefish boat, 17 lbs.

Don Adams: 1st place L.I. bluefish boat, 21.8; 1st place weakfish surf, 10.8.

John Thomas, 1st place flounder, 3.8; Ron Cortino, 1st place blackfish, 10.12; Stan Backel, 1st place fluke, 11.2; Doug Dalley, 1st place blue, surf, 16.12.

Women's Division: Jane Abraham, 1st place bluefish, 16.9.

Children's Division: Donald Adams, Jr., 1st place Porgy, 4.4.

Our club is always looking for enthusiastic members. For information, call 516-473-7607.

### OAKDALE SPORTSMEN

At our last monthly meeting the following were elected as officers for the year 1980: President: Jim Schaefer; Vice President: Bruce Bandes; Sec't.: Jim Ebbrecht; Treasurer: Dick Fuller and Cor. Sec'y: Ted Woest.

Honors for Fisherman of the Year 1979 went to Jim Ebbrecht, with twenty monthly winners, including five largest of the year.

Our best fish of 1979 award went to Red Enoksen's 200 lb. swordfish caught at the Canyon (our club's first).

The Captain of the Year award was captured by Steve Golder, who set no less than four new club records, on his new boat "Obsession."

# Contests & Tournaments

### FISHING CLUBS INVITED TO ENTER CHARITY SHARK TOURNAMENT

Each year tournaments are held and for the most part, the revenues raised go into club treasuries or into a promoter's pocket. This year, the Montauk Captains' Association will hold a charity shark tournament. Half the entrance fee will go directly to the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Fund. The remaining half will be awarded as **cash prizes** for the three largest sharks caught during the tournament.

This contest is open to all organized fishing clubs as well as the Montauk Boatman's Association and the Montauk Captains' Association. Many individual entrants have been invited to compete. To ensure this will not become a shark kill, we (the MCA) have limited the entrants to weigh in only one shark each day and that must be over 100 lbs. We recommend releasing all others and we will award a trophy to the boat with the most tag releases.

Jack Casey will make available tagging kits for those requesting them. We urge you to obtain one. The contest will be judged by outdoor writers Scott Simons, Jerry Kenney and Nick Karas. Henry Colombi will serve as weigh master.

The tournament will be held at the Star Island Yacht Club on July 12 and 13. The captains' meeting will be on Friday, July 11 at 8PM. The entry fee is $150, due June 1, 1980. In the event the contest is cancelled a drawing on July 13, supervised by the officials, will award the prizes.

Try to send a representative to this worthy event.

### TYPO-HYPO

Two weeks ago, we reported that there will be $4500 in cash and prizes in the Hudson Canyon Tuna and Billfish Tourney being held in August by Squadron Anglers. The correct figure should have read $7500.

### RECYCLE DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

The Friends of Long Island have issued a Long Island Recycling Directory of groups, companies and government agencies that are involved in recycling. New York City groups are also included. The directory gives the name of the sponsoring organization, the site, the materials recycled and the name and telephone number of the coordinator.

The Directory may be obtained by writing to the Friends of Long Island, P. O. Box 55, Seaford, L.I. 11783. A small donation is requested for printing and mailing costs.


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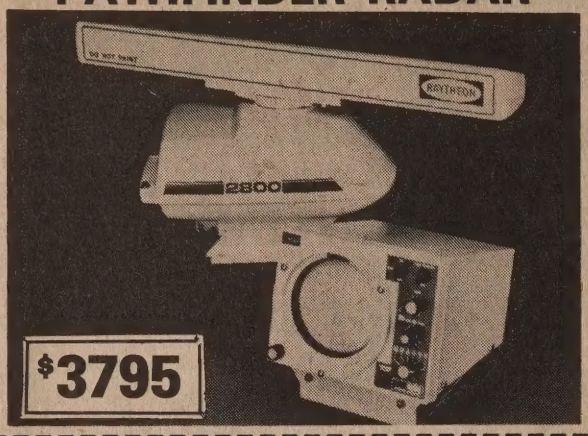


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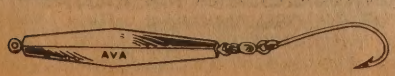



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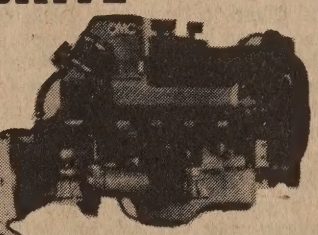

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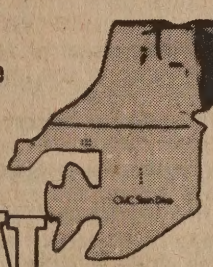

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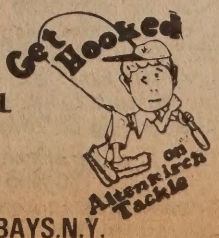


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Quite a few very significant changes have been made in the proposed tuna regulations for 1980. Hearings will begin on the proposed rule-making in Portland, Maine on April 10 and will continue for two weeks. Massachusetts will be accommodated by two hearings (in Wakefield and Hyannis) and Rhode Island

NATIONAL SCENE
with Al Ristori

# Tuna Hearings Coming Up

gets its turn at the Howard Johnson, 20 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick on April 15. The traveling show then moves on to the Holiday Inn, Route 36, West Long Branch, New Jersey—before hitting Norfolk, Virginia and such "famed" bluefin tuna ports as Corpus Christi, Texas; Mobile, Alabama; and Fort Pierce, Flordia. All meetings run from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

As you'll notice, a funny thing happened along the way. The National Marine Fisheries Service "forgot" to schedule a hearing in New York. Actually, I'm sure that there was no forgetting involved. It's simply a continuation of an anti-New York campaign within NMFS that was carried to the extreme last year when a Mid-Atlantic Council seat was stripped from the State and given to Delaware. New York was also ignored last year when the tuna hearings were held. I protested to NMFS officials at a Mid-Atlantic Council meeting and was assured that this "oversight" would be corrected. NMFS has given a pretty good indication of the worth of their assurances by this latest inaction! One has to assume that there is more to the refusal of NMFS to hold a hearing than simple ignorance of the importance of bluefin tuna to Empire State anglers. It's hard to believe that an official with even a cursory understanding of the Long Island fishery wouldn't realize that almost every significant port on the South Shore has a tuna club—and that these are among the largest and most active fishing clubs on the Coast. Indeed, I specifically suggested last year that hearing dates and sites be coordinated with these clubs in order to assure a large turnout. Furthermore, the sport fishing for school bluefins has always been an important one on Long Island—at least until the recent years of scarcity. According to biologist Irwin Alperin, a survey he did for New York back in the heydays of the mid-Fifties indicated that more school tuna were brought into Freeport on a single weekend than are now caught throughout the entire area by sportsmen all year long!

While some New York City residents may endure the traffic and pay the tolls to attend the meeting in West Long Branch, it's highly unlikely that anyone further east will attempt that trip at the commuting hour. New Yorkers will have to depend on their fellow anglers in other states to carry the ball for them at the hearings, but can send their written comments to Mr. Allen E. Peterson, Jr., Regional Director, Northeast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, Federal Building, 14 Elm St., Gloucester, MA 01930. While writing, be sure to let him know what you think of the lack of a hearing on Long Island.

### American Longline Threat To Mid-Atlantic Quota

It's interesting to note that hearings have been scheduled this year for Texas, Alabama and Florida. Though bluefins are spawned in the Gulf, the tiny fish move north with the currents and then seem to spend the next several years in a basically inshore/offshore pattern off the mid-Atlantic Coast. It's not until they reach maturity that the tuna start migrating south to the spawning areas each year. Therefore, southern fishermen have a shot only at the giants during winter and early spring—and very few have been caught over the years. However, the Japanese longliners have had no problem taking over 8,000 of the pre-spawning giants from the Gulf each of the last several years; and this has, apparently, created some interest on the part of the expanding American longline fleet. With swordfish under heavy pressure, the high-priced giants must appear to be a very good target. However, if the longliners do get into that fishery, it will result in not only a further loss of pre-spawning giants, but also a depletion of the quota for the area south of Cape Cod.

The quota for the area south of a line drawn through Gay Head Light (including Narragansett Bay) is only ninety short tons (about 270 giants). This quota applies to all vessels licensed for the fishery except purse seiners. Ever since separate quotas were established for our area, we haven't come close to filling them. However, all that could change this year if the 1973 year class fish (the only big year class of recent years) move into local waters again. Last year, most of these tuna fell into the medium category by weighing less than 310 pounds. Anglers were allowed one per day as part of their four school tuna limit, and quite a few were caught. There was a significant concentration off Block Island, where the seiner "Pacific Queen" killed untold numbers in the attempt to catch some giants. A great many also showed up late in the fall in the Mud Hole. This year, most of those fish will be over 310 pounds and count as giants. If any good fishing develops, that ninety short tons could be caught rather quickly. Worse yet, if American longliners are already catching tuna in the Gulf, there may not be any opportunity for giant tuna fishing in our area at all!

It doesn't take much imagination to perceive that it wouldn't take much of an American longline operation to mop up a few hundred giant tuna in the same area that the Japanese are taking 8,000 from. If this isn't happening now, it's certainly likely to happen in the near future—and NMFS should be prepared to deal with it. Since NMFS supports the continuation of Japanese longlining in the Gulf, the only present solution appears to be a prohibition on such tuna fishing by American longliners. It seems ridiculous to deny fish in our waters to Americans in order that the lamentable foreign fishery can continue, but that's the way they think in the State and Commerce Departments. Unless we can succeed in the effort to get the Atlantic bluefin included in the 200-Mile Limit by Congress, we have no other choice but to prevent American longliners from compounding an already almost hopeless situation.

### Developing the Regulations

According to the National Marine Fisheries Service, the tuna regulations were developed with the intention that they should: (1) comply with the conservation recommendations adopted under ICCAT (International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas); (2) provide for the best possible data base with which to manage the fishery; (3) allow all interested persons a fair opportunity to engage in the fishery; (4) reduce unnecessary reporting; and (5) be enforceable. Surprisingly, some of the changes are quite sensible and worthy of support. The new Northeast Director, Al Peterson, has shown a real inclination to do away with the clutter of unnecessary paperwork that has characterized this and many other NMFS programs. Unfortunately, I have to look back on the hopeful start to last year's fact finding hearings when a very realistic method of dealing with our present tuna situation was proposed by Bruce Freeman, of the NMFS Northeast office, and

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# OLD TIMERS' CORNER

with Matt Ahern

## The Way It Was... LETTERS

And still they come. Letters and more letters. Just about everyday. One morning I met my postman and he told me if this keeps up he'll have to give me a larger box in the Post Office. Of course, this was during the height of the response to the offer of Mustad's Guide to Saltwater Bait Hooks. I got over five hundred on that one alone. You fellows sure keep me busy—and I enjoy every minute of it.

Still, as I've noted before, the response to this column isn't only from old-timers. The youngest reader up to now is twelve; the eldest eighty-nine. And this is what surprises me. I can understand the interest shared by another old-timer, but when a youngster of twelve writes compassionate letters begging us fellows to conserve our fish stocks so that he will know what fishing is all about when he "grows up," it shows we who do practice conservation are on the right track. We've just got to see that the kids are not left in the lurch. It is their birthright just as well as it has been ours.

Occasionally, I receive letters from the ladies. And I'll tell you, fellers, the ladies are catching up with us. My mail indicates a great upsurge of feminine interest in our sport—a sport once considered solely the domain of the most rugged. And if the tackle manufacturers don't take this into consideration soon, they will surely be the loser.

One lady from Seaford writes about her blackfishing experiments, giving me lengthy descriptions of why this doesn't work and why this does—always with sensible conclusions. Another lady writes of a method to keep mussel on the hook when flounder fishing. All of these ideas are logical and contain thoughts we fellows would never think of.

Another enthusiastic lady angler wishes we fellows would take her efforts more seriously. She's out there at sunup, right along with the most fanatical, cheerfully taking all the suffering and hardships we guys fall heir to. And catching fish, too! Only, she says, it seems those men she fishes with couldn't care less whether she is successful or not.

And with that in mind, let me say this. Throughout my long fishing life I've always found the majority of lady anglers very good at the sport. And I can remember some who put many of us "tough" guys to shame. Last June, I was party boat fishing on an extremely rough day. A good percentage of the guys were seasick, as was our lone lady fisherman. But while most of those seasick went into the cabin, this lady stood right there at the rail with us "toughies" and caught fish for fish, suffering through all the horrors associated with mal de mere. Now, don't you think such ladies deserve our admiration? You bet, and I doff my fishing cap to them.

And lest you think I'm not too familiar with this firsthand, I might add that my wife is no slouch at the fishing game. Until the kids started coming along, she was out there with me many, many times. And there was many a day I was put to the test—especially when fluke fishing. While she seldom fishes today, there are many times when her ingrained "fish-sense" and logic have made me think twice before undertaking a catch-as-catch-can fishing trip. Even my long time fishing buddy, Artie Leidecker, listens—which is something I have yet to make him do. She hasn't forgotten how much it means for a guy to get out there and put fish in that bucket.

And along with all those letters come examples of drama, comedy, and mystery. The dramatic stories often take form in narrow escapes on the open sea, especially during fog-shrouded days; the comedy with some of the weird things fishermen will do to catch fish.

As for mystery, that comes right from this typewriter. At this writing, I have received three letters from Kevin Cooper of New York. Kevin writes extremely interesting letters about his fishing experiences in the East and North Rivers. He is unquestionably an excellent fisherman, but when I write to the home address he gives, my letters all come back marked "Not deliverable as addressed."

Not only that, his letters are never postmarked. If I didn't notice the postman place the first one in the mailbox, I'd think someone was pulling my leg. So, if you're out there, Kevin, write again and this time make sure of that return address, or check with your post office as to why your mail is undeliverable.

Most of the mail I receive comes from local areas, of course. But several come from Upstate New York, from Nebraska, and from Florida; Connecticut, too, has its share of interested readers, and so, of course, does New Jersey. What follows is a list of some of the fellows (and ladies) who have written me. If your name doesn't appear as yet, it will in the next article on letters. The lack of space is the culprit here. And let me say again that I thank everyone of you for writing. Your efforts on behalf of all fishermen are greatly appreciated. They are what keeps the ball rolling.

My heartfelt thanks to: Albert Barbera, New Rochelle; John Brady, South Ozone Park; Bill Busch, Warwick, New York; Larry Calia, Brooklyn; Jim Carcioppolo, Staten Island, who sent me a beautiful placard of The Fisherman's Prayer (thanks again, Jim); Steve Casola, Massapequa; Kevin Cooper, New York; Joe DeRosa, Valley Stream; Jim DeVita, Skidmore's Fishing Station, East Moriches; Jimmy Donlon, Brooklyn; Stuart Fries, Brooklyn; Bret Gelber, Brooklyn; John Hahn, Flushing (John sent a diagram of a fish-catching whiting rig made of Monel wire which I'll share with you in my next whiting article. Again, thanks, John); Joseph Hahn, Glendale; Ed Harring, Brooklyn; Barbara Herrera, Brooklyn; Frank Horan, Massapequa; Randolph Klein, Wayne, New Jersey; Doris Kleinhaut, Oceanside; John Kobek, Yonkers; Mike Korin, Maspeth; Robert J. Lathman, Staten Island; Richard Lendino, Massapequa, Emil Mian, Middletown, New York; Lee D. Miller, New York; Richard Matousek, Brooklyn; Sal Mattia, Levittown; C. J. Nejez, Flushing; Raymond Pastore, Bayside; Mike Quigley, Massapequa; Lenard Reckling, Grand Island, Nebraska, who still keeps the mailman hopping.

And: Alec Rosen, Recruit Training Center, U.S. Navy, Orlando, Florida; Paul Rosendahl, Staten Island; John Russell, Rocky Point; Mike Ryan, Ronkonkoma; Mike Shalkowski, Huntington Station (Mike sends night-taken underwater slides of resting fluke, blackfish, ling, lobster, etc.—all extremely beautiful as you can well imagine); Ben Thornblom, Oceanside (who is eighty-years-old and thinks nothing of following the fish even to California); Joseph Tschupp, Rockaway Point; Herbert C. Upsall, Stamford, Conn.; Edward Velardi, Jr., Jamaica; Hank Vercelletto, Elmont (Hank graciously sent me a copy of Ed Zern's popular book "To Hell With Fishing"—a real rib-tickler, for which I cannot thank him enough); Ed Walsh, Bronx; Charles G. Wanderer, Flushing (who wants me to put my old-time record books in book form. It's a good thought, Charlie); Richard E. Wasserbach, Saugerties, New York who wrote me about fishing with his dad when party boat fares were $1.50 for adults and fifty cents for kids; Samuel L. Weinstein, Queens Village (whose vote of confidence bucked me no end. Thanks, Sam); Joseph Wunderlin, Maspeth.

So, that's it for now, fellers. If you have any comment, or if you wish to discuss old-time fishing, drop me a line at 39 King Street, Hampton Bays, New York 11946, and we'll go over it together.

# FISH & MARINE NEWS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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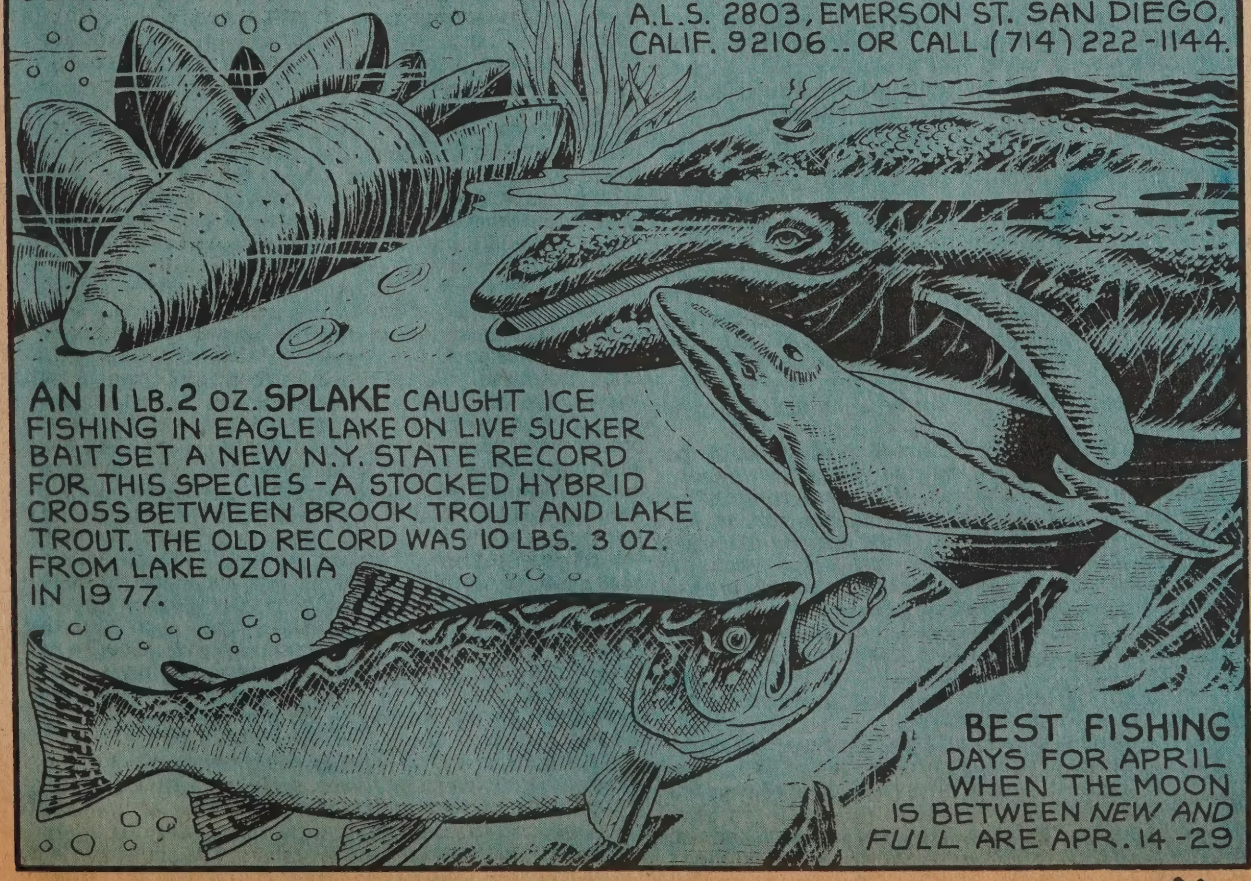

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The frozen grip winter has held on the waterfront is showing signs of being broken as the added sunshine of the lengthening days provides increasing warmth to our beleaguered Island. Bass fishermen, weary with the task of equipment repair and satiated from studying fishing magazines and catalogs, are chafing at the bit, anxious to get the season started.

Several options are available at this early stage of the season. Power plant bass have been present throughout the winter months, but for some this is too artificial. Stripers coursing down the Hudson River provide satisfying results to anglers with a knowledge of the better fishing areas, while further down-river the piers and bulkheads of the Manhattan waterfront afford excellent platforms for either swimming worms or working a variety of lures in the dark, swirling waters.

For most Long Island surfmen, the reports of striped bass being taken in Little Neck Bay or from the shores of Staten Island are signs that in a short while these desired game fish will be present in our local grounds. For those anglers unwilling to wait while impatiently plotting the slow progress of these fish from their wintering confines, there is an opportunity whereby a fisherman can appease his eagerness to start the season with a good chance of beaching a striped bass.

Several years ago, Crabmeadow beach was a popular springtime fishing area. On many occasions, the late afternoon hours would find a score or more anglers standing waist deep in the chilly waters taking school bass on a wide variety of lures. The intervening years has seen a slackening of interest in this activity, but with the increased population of western Sound bass this flurry of early spring fishing could attain the popularity it once held.

In order to enlighten the uninformed, Crabmeadow Beach is located in the Town of Northport. It is reached by following Larkfield Road north until you come to the waterfront. The route is fairly simple even though the road changes names a few times. One possible confusing turn is found as soon as the railroad tracks are crossed where the fork in the road will force the driver to make a decision. By bearing to the right and folowing the twisting road a few miles further, the destination is soon reached.

Although this beach is restricted to residents of the Town of Huntington during the summer season, enforcement of the rules during off season periods has been lax in past years. When entering the parking lot, leave your car in the smaller lot to the left. By following the western fence-line towards the water you will encounter a low jetty. Most of the fishing in this area is confined to the waterfront located between this jetty and a small pier found several hundred yards to the west.

During periods of high water, casters can utilize any area between these two points, including the jetty and pier—although certain locations are preferred over others for different types of fishing.

Anglers using artificials at high tide favor the tip of the jetty itself where white bucktails, Whip Tails, four inch Rebels and half-ounce Hopkins or Kastmasters have produced in the past. Although the top of this jetty is flat and readily traversed, care should be taken for these rocks are covered with slime and footing is treacherous.

As stated, the entire beach between the man-made structures can be worked but most attention is given to the western half of this section even though there are times when the flat to the left of the jetty has produced good results. Bait fishermen using sand or bloodworms predominate along the high water mark, but persistent pluggers using a variety of lures will manage some fish.

The pier, built on a point where the shore line is deeply indented to the west is often used by casters using heavier tackle. Since the fishing level is situated a considerable distance above the water any angler using light tackle must walk the fish back to the beach or have a long-handled net nearby. During periods of stiff northwest winds, medium weight lures such as 1¼ oz. Hopkins or similar weight bucktails are successfully employed from this platform.

It is during the last half of the ebbing tide when access to the bar, which lies diagonally across the western half of this area, is obtainable. At the time an angler, dressed to ward off the frigid waters can work the outer edge of the bar among the cluster of boulders found here. Again, bucktails, Whip Tails, both sinking and floating Rebels and small tins when strong onshore winds are present, produce the majority of the fish.

If conditions remain the same as in the past, access to the bar can be gained at half tide. The narrowest span of deep-water to be traversed is found a few hundred feet east of the pier in the vicinity of a lone boulder lying just off the beach. Upon reaching the bar itself a sharp incline of a few steps is encountered which, once attained, will enable the wader to work his way northeast in knee-deep water. The further the tide recedes, the more area it is possible to cover until one can continue on from the outer tip of the bar until he reaches a point directly in front of the jetty. Care must be taken here, not because of sharp dropoffs, but because of the large boulders scattered along the bottom. Although there is little danger of drowning, a dunking at this time of the year, caused by tripping over one of these giant stones, is an unpleasant experience.

Except for bait fishermen, most anglers plying these waters at this time of the year are using light tackle. Long casts are seldom necessary and although fish have been recorded up to twenty pounds, most of the fish taken are in the two to five pound class with an occasional ten pound bass to keep the more discerning angler interested. Light one-handed sticks equipped with reels similar to the Penn 714 and spooled with six or eight pound test line are standard. On days, when strong onshore winds are encountered, medium action nine or ten foot two-handed rods with reels such as the Penn 710 filled with ten or twelve pound test line are often brought into play even though the fish tend to be closer to the beach under such conditions.

Bait fishermen concentrating in the area to the front of the white building found at the base of the cliff have scored impressively in the past. High water coupled with brisk northwest winds are the conditions needed to ensure success. Although sand worms are the most productive bait used, they are all but impossible to obtain very early in the year; therefore, bloodworms which are more readily obtainable are used by most anglers. Bait saver hooks unadorned with corks, in sizes ranging from #1 to 2/0 are preferred. The selection of terminal gear is not critical although the dropper loop rig is used by most of my acquaintances. Three ounces of lead in the form of a bank sinker is sufficient to hold bottom in most cases. Pyramid shaped sinkers can be used in a pinch, but occasionally they will become snagged on the scattered rocks littering the sea bed. When fishing this area, that is opposite the inside point of the Worm Bar, try to place your bait in the narrow cut formed by the sloping beach and the inner edge of the bar.

At times when this area is being fished heavily and upon arrival no room to fish is apparent, don't despair. The pocket found just to the east of the base of the jetty has, on occasion, outfished the more preferred shore line opposite the bar.

When fishing from the beach at high water waders

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# FISH TALK
## with William A. Muller

## FIRST WINNER!

YES, WE HAVE A WINNER! Although we received many very interesting letters, we have selected the first winner of a seven foot Shakespeare Ugly Stik spinning rod. For those who did not win, your letters will continue to be eligible throughout the contest period. For those who have not yet entered, but who now wish they had, it isn't too late. It's easy to enter. If you have a question about fish, fishing, the marine environment, or any other item related to saltwater sport fishing, send me a letter. Your letter need not be a question to win. Perhaps you have a comment or opinion about an important fishing-related topic. Simply write your letter (please, as legibly as possible) and send it, care of myself, to The Long Island Fisherman. Be sure to include your return address and to indicate on the outside of the envelope "Shakespeare Rod Contest."

SO WHO'S THE WINNER? The honor goes to A.T. Schiavello of Queens, New York. We have forwarded your name and address to Mr. Dick Mermon of Shakespeare. He will arrange to have the rod sent directly to your house via United Parcel Service. Not knowing whether A.T. is male or female, we'll have to continue to call you A.T. We received two suggestions from A.T., and were taken by the simplicity yet the originality of the comments and suggestions. A.T. writes: "Without encouragement of your rod tournament, I had intended to write you anyway. I am a recent, by accident, subscriber to your magazine. I have grown quite enthusiastic about it and I am accumulating numbers for future reference! Since my club's disintegration, I have been looking for a suitable companion to share my fishing expeditions—preferably to Peconic and Montauk areas. I prefer weekdays since I am semi-retired and I do avoid shoulder-to-shoulder weekend fishing. Modestly, I consider myself only an amateur; however, with a mindful good sport ingredient. Perhaps you could evolve some method of having people meet and exchange friendship through your column."

THAT IS A GREAT IDEA! We suspect that senior citizens and near senior citizens will find such an exchange most beneficial, but it is conceivable that all ages may benefit. Nonetheless, we hear that complaint again and again at The Fisherman. Sure, I'll be happy to help, but let's set up a few guidelines. If you are looking for someone to share your fishing with, write to me care of Long Island Fisherman. Include the following information: name; age; area where you fish; phone number, and type of fishing you prefer—small boat, bait, surf, pier, etc. I'll print these in the column and then interested parties can follow up. It's a great way to find friendship and to save gas. We hear more and more about gas rationing and if that comes through, then we'll all have to share a ride in order to be able to go fishing. I wish to point out that anyone who writes in does so at their own risk of being pestered by crank calls and that we can only continue to help on a space available basis.

A.T.'S SECOND THOUGHT! "Another thing that I am constantly irked with, and I believe also most fishermen are too, are the weather forecasts (99%) that only touch or skirt on the wind factor—if they discuss it at all. They do not seem to realize that the wind velocity is one, if not the, most important item of importance for planning a fishing trip. I dare say that there must be hardly a fisherman among them or they would realize the importance of a reliable wind forecast. Perhaps you could stress this importance to some of the radio and television stations through your column. With a better forecast on wind direction and speed we would be in a much better position to plan our trips and it might even save a few lives."

YOU HAVE HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD. Yes, my friend, the proper forecast of the wind is of prime importance to fishermen and perhaps we can attempt to gain some improvement in the forecasts that are often uesless! We have ourselves to blame for this situation to a large extent. The average citizen has very negative feelings about the weather because the weather has spoiled so many great plans and outings. The psychologist would perhaps describe this reaction of people as projection. We have all had our run-ins with the weather and so we take it out on the weather man. Of course, the weatherman does not make the weather and logically we understand that. However, since we cannot change the weather, we ignore the weather forecast (usually) and are hostile to the weatherman. Television and radio stations are interested in ratings and because so many people have the attitude of..."don't tell me about highs, lows, and fronts, just tell me if it will rain or be sunny tomorrow!"—the stations allot very little time to weather forecasts. Even when a hurricane is approaching or a major winter storm, the best you'll get is two to five minutes of coverage. However, once the storm is over, the news bureaus will spend endless and tedious hours reporting on the damage and loss of life from the storm. Perhaps if we were all a little more interested in the weather and took a little time to understand it, fewer people would be hurt or die and there would be less property loss for the news guys to report about. We can't put the entire burden for the actual report on the doorstep of the meteorologist either. In two to five minutes there isn't enough time to discuss all the items that need to be discussed. Weather forecasting is probability and although the public forecast calls for snow, what we don't know is that the computers indicate only that there is a higher probability for snow than for no snow. The probability may be only 60/40. The same is true for a summer rainstorm that might put a damper on a fishing trip. Perhaps if we knew about the probability in addition to the forecast, we would get up early anyway and take a look around before deciding to cancel the trip or go ahead with it. The same happens with the wind. We all know that the wind near or on the water is stronger than on the land. Do we know why? Do we care why? We should! Do we know how to compensate the wind velocity forecast to tell us what we can expect on the water? We should! For example, if the wind forecast calls for ten to fifteen miles per hour, and it is accurate, you can figure that on the water it will be fifteen to twenty-five miles per hour. At other places, you can triple the forecast numbers for an accurate estimate. This is often the case at Montauk—although not always. There are times when it is less. However, if you stayed home when tripling the wind at your house gave you a wind that would be too strong for safety and comfort and went fishing at other times, your percentage of good trips to Montauk would be very high.

OTHER WEATHER TIDBITS! How many of you know that the Weather Bureau forecasts are issued at 5 and 11; that is, 5AM, 11AM, 5PM and 11PM? What does that have to do with the price of beans? Plenty! I can't remember the number of times that I have observed fishermen tuning in the radio for a new forecast every hour and upon finding the forecast unchanged (of course), feel that the steady forecast means a high probability that it will be correct. How many people realize that coastal snowstorms, hurricanes, coastal rainstorms are very hard to forecast because of the number of intangibles that can affect the situation. That can be important, too, since it may not be worth the effort to prepare and plan for a fishing trip based upon the hoped-for passage of a coastal storm. I'd rather re-scheduled the trip and plan to do something else

rather than fight a situation I know will be difficult and aggravating at best! Sometimes I lose out on a great day—but not very often. Again, time available to the weather reporter on television or radio prevents him or her from giving us this information. Wind direction is very important, too, since a wind opposing the tide can mean danger; while a modest wind with the tide can flatten the sea making things easy even for a small boat.

I THINK WE CAN DO SOMETHING! First, listen to local Long Island Stations whenever possible because many give local weather conditions (including the wind velocity and direction) with each weather report. They update these figures just as all reports update temperature, pressure, humidity, and wind every hour. The local reports are usually supplied through the Coast Guard from their stations at Eaton's Neck and Fire Island. These reports can tell you a lot about the real wind velocity you'll experience when you arrive to fish. There is one problem and that is, that many of the local stations do not begin broadcasting until after sunrise and they discontinue after sunset. We can also write to the local television and radio station (network local subsidiaries) and ask for longer and more informative weather forecasts. I have written in several times and I usually get an answer that most people do not share my interest in detailed weather explanations and, therefore, it would not be possible to follow up on my suggestions. However, if lots of fishermen wrote in and explained both their interest and their need to know, the stations could probably be convinced to expand coverage. A few weather specials wouldn't hurt, either. No, not the look at the ugly tornado kind of show, but a carefully thought-out documentary about how weather is forecast.

THANKS, A.T.! We enjoyed your letter and we hope that you'll enjoy your new Shakespeare spinning rod!

ODDS AND ENDS! Did you hear about the 82 lb. cod that was caught off the South Shore on February 11, 1980? Yes, it did happen and that's one hell of a fish. Unfortunately, the fish wasn't taken by a sport fisherman on rod, hook, and line. Instead, the fish came up on a setline that was put out by Danny Koch and Al Grover. Not that that fact makes the fish smaller, but had such a great fish been taken on one of the many party boats, charter boats, or private craft that work the open sand for cod, the hoopla would have been deafening! The fish was on display at the Coliseum Boat Show where many mouths fell when seeing the monster.

MORE END THAN ODD! Well, the commercial fishermen are at it again—this time in Japan. During the last week in February several hundred porpoises were killed by Japanese commercial fishermen near the Iki Islands. The Japanese commercial fishermen claimed the right to kill the mammals because the fish-eating porpoises were eating too many fish and thus interfering with their fishing activities! To make matters worse, the killed mammals were put into shredders and thus did not even have the distinction of serving a useful purpose. They probably will end up as cat food or fertilizer. This is the kind of thing that really makes my skin crawl. Why? Sure, man has a right to harvest and to make a living, but although it isn't written into the laws of man, it should be understood that a man's right to make a living extends only to the point where the activity potentially or actually interferes with another creature's right to make a living. When it's a draw, man should give ground since he has the brains and the technology. Thus, harvest only what is needed and do not kill other creatures while you harvest. Also, keep a check on our population, because if we do that then our needed harvests will never run the risk of depleting another species. However, the commercial fishermen always seem to see the problem the other way around. They will tolerate other species as long as the other species does not interfere with them. When there is even a remote doubt of conflict, the other creature or creatures come last. Commercial fishermen say that it has to be this way since they are feeding the world's hungry people. Let's knock it off, okay! I've heard that bit about feeding the hungry world so many times that I'm sick of it. What does that phrase mean and where does it lead us? Taken to its logical conclusion it means that fishermen will continue to harvest ever-increasing amounts of fish until there isn't a fish left in the sea. They say they have to, or people will starve. Okay, what happens when all the fish have been harvested. That's right—countless more millions starve! Like the commercial: you can pay a couple of bucks for regular changes of oil filters or you can pay hundreds for a new engine later. The human species will have to learn to control the size of its populations if we are to continue to survive on this planet. Incidentally, somewhere between now and no fish will be a delightful limbo where there aren't enough fish to make sport fishing useful, so instead of enjoying our leisure we'll sit around anxiously waiting to see if the commercial fishermen were lucky or not!

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# JUMPING THE GUN!

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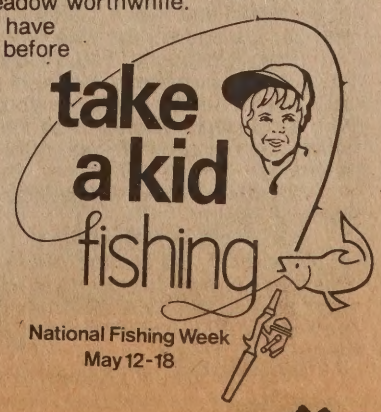
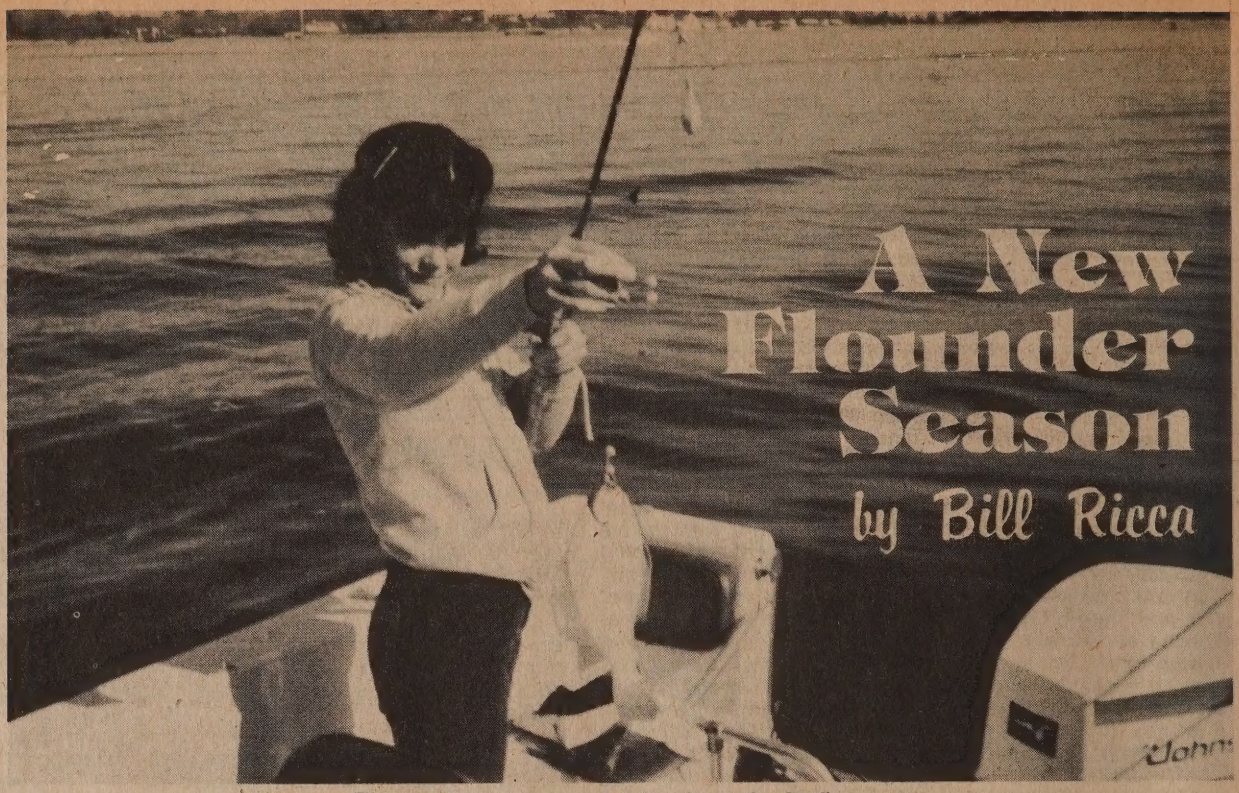
are not necesssary, but during any attempt to reach the outer bar waders are a must with a top giving added protection against the wind or an accidental dunking. Because the water temperature is frigid at this time, long underwear is a definite necessity if comfort is desired. Without this added protection, discomfort will occur in a relatively short period of time making each additional moment spent waist deep in the water more distressing.

Due to the proximity of the Lilco power plant a short distance further west, the fish inhabiting the waters of Crabmeadow are effected by the hot water discharge of this plant. Since the outgoing tide in this area flows left to right, periods of strong northwest winds and ebbing tides are the most productive times to fish this location. The outgoing current influences the outpouring hot water of the discharge causing it to swing along the shore line east of the plant. When stiff northwest winds are present, the warmed water is forced against the beach within easy reach of the shore-bound angler. While these are the optimum times to catch fish, these strong onshore winds make conditions unpleasant for most people. Happily these conditions are not absolutely necessary to a successful trip. On many occasions fish have been taken with little wind or when winds blow from a southerly direction. The only winds which are detrimental to successful fishing is when blowing from the east or a northeasterly direction. These winds tend to stir up the bottom to a degree where fishing becomes impossible, while forcing the warmed water too far off the beach to be helpful.

Another welcome fact about fishing here at this time of the year is that bass can be taken either day or night, unlike in many other areas where a curtain of darkness is needed to induce the wary striper into coming within casting distance of the beach. Naturally, more consistent catches are taken when the weather is harsh or during the cold temperatures of these early season nights; but sufficient quantities of bass can be taken during pleasant daylight hours to make an early spring trip to Crabmeadow worthwhile.

For those of you who have not fished this beach before such a journey will enable you to learn a new region and help shorten the time until your local fishing spots become productive once again.





# A New Flounder Season

by Bill Ricca

**Flounder fishing is great fun for the entire family.**

There are few more welcome signs of an end to a long and bleak winter than word of flounders being caught in local North Shore Bays and Harbors.

Mother Nature deals we fishermen of the Northeast a poor hand. Unlike our fishermen brethren of the Southern and Gulf States, we are forced to lay up our boats and, for the most part, store our fishing gear for the winter months.

This period of inactivity can differ from individual to individual, but generally speaking, we lose on an average of four months.

I realize that a few die-hards will be out there into December looking for that last bass, blackfish or flounder. Some of us will even spend the winter praying for a northwest wind so that they could pay a visit to Crabmeadow Beach and the Lilco power plant at Northport. However, for most of us it is storing boats, winterizing engines, and cleaning equipment. Another season has come to an end.

During this "fisherman's winter-over period," some of us will re-wrap our rods or build new ones altogether. We'll take apart and clean our reels. I, for one, inventory my equipment, lures, hooks, etc., to see what might be needed for the next season.

There isn't too much left: a boat show or two or an occasional trip to your favorite tackle shop. One can only read so many catalogs and brochures put out by boat, motor and tackle manufacturers. The time passes slowly until you will be able to wet a line again.

Then it happens. You suddenly realize that the sun is up when you leave for work in the morning and it still hasn't set by the time you arrive home at night. The temperature seems to be moderating, and the north winds do not seem to cut right through you as badly anymore.

It's time—time to get ready in earnest for the coming season.

As some North Shore fishermen know, this rejuvenation, this coming out of hibernation occurs in their area in mid-March. It is still cold, but moderating each week. The wind still blows, but you can feel the difference. The real difference is that there are fish to be caught.

With the longer periods of sunshine on the water, these North Shore bays begin to come to life. Flounders which lay dormant on the bottom buried in mud begin to become active. Slowly at first; with each passing week, more and more of their numbers will start to feed. A peak will be reached by mid to late April.

In late April, these fish will begin to move out of the harbors and bays and into the deeper waters of Long Island Sound. Flounders will be taken in the Sound well into June. In fact, one of the largest flounders taken on my boat in 1979 was caught on a red jelly worm intended for a weakfish in late June.

Usually the early action begins in Mill Neck Creek and quickly spreads to Brickyard Point and Coopers Bluff, which are further out in Oyster Bay Harbor towards the open waters of Oyster Bay.

The early fish are generally thin and on the small side. However, as the days go by many three-quarters to one pound fish will be caught. These same one pound fish, if caught a month or two later, would weigh considerably more.

Other excellent early season flounder spots include Lloyd Harbor, Hunting Harbor and Duck Island in Northport Bay.

It should be mentioned that party boats from the Bronx, City Island, Westchester and Connecticut are frequent visitors to our North Shore flounder hotspots and rack up impressive scores.

As the water warms, very large flounders can be taken for short periods of time in the Sound. The action usually lasts two to three weeks, but if you score, you'll be into fish that will average around two pounds.

Among the spots where these large fish show up are: the north side of Eatons Neck, the Sound side of Asharoken and off Callahan's Beach.

The first two weeks in May seem to be the ideal time for jumbo flounder fishing in the Sound. North Shore flounder fishing has come a long way in the last few years. While it is only a drop in the bucket when compared to twenty years ago, it is still a vast improvement over the early Seventies. This action provides us with an outlet for our cabin fever. It also enables us to teach young members of our families a little about fishing.

In our present day life style, jet age transportation,

TV, inflation and the energy crisis, etc., it is very difficult to do anything alone as a family group. Fishing and flounder fishing, in particular, could be the answer.

Flounders are bottom feeders; their diet consists mainly of sea worms, mussels, clams and snails. By their nature, they are curious and not easily spooked. They can be attracted to your vicinity by pounding the bottom, which releases particles of food such as clams and snails. Another, and the more effective way of attracting them, is by the use of chum.

The preferred bait on the North Shore is sand worms, followed by bloodworms and mussels. Mussels are an excellent bait, but I feel that since they are difficult to put on and keep on a hook, a lot of people refuse to use them. I, for one, was one of the doubters until I gave the mussels a fair chance. My results were very favorable. When I go out now, I make sure that I bring along a supply of worms and mussels for bait.

For those of us who dig our own flounder bait, it should be noted that the long, flat, pinkish tape worms that we sometimes come up with make a deadly flounder bait and should be tried.

Over the years, I have found that flounders could be attracted and caught on corn kernels. Many times while cleaning a day's catch, I've found corn in the stomachs of my flounders. Obviously, this corn was used as chum and consumed by the flounders which I caught.

As a result of my findings, I decided to experiment a little. I reasoned that the flounders were somehow attracted by the corn, probably by the color. I, therefore, decided to add a few kernels of corn to each of my hooks just above a piece of sand worm. The results were fantastic. I used two rods: one baited with sand worms and the other with the corn and sand worm combo. The rod with the combo bait outfished the other by two to one. The next time out, I tried this experiment again, only in place of the solo worm bait I used mussels. On the combo rig, I alternated mussel and corn with sand worm and corn. Either combo outfished the solo bait, but the worm and corn combo proved to be the top fish producer.

I feel that the flounders are fooled into thinking that the corn kernels are bits of mussels and when they come closer, they see the worm. They just can't resist a gourmet meal like this.

A few years ago, George Valentine, of Four Winds Tackle in Huntington, and I were discussing this matter of combo baits for flounders, when George suddenly pulled out a plastic bag. He proceeded to empty the contents of this bag on the counter. There, in front of me, were a gross of plastic corn kernels. Each kernel had a hole drilled through it. George explained that the hole would allow the leader on a snelled hook to pass through it. He then showed me a box of flounder rigs that he had previously tied. Each rig had two kernels just above each hook.

These tandem rigs looked so good that I purchased a dozen. After trying them, I feel that this is the only way to go. No problems with the corn coming off the hook or the fish eating them, and the best of all—they catch fish.

This year, George has informed me that it is impossible to get these kernels. They were imported and for some reason, they are not available. However, all is not lost. George has been able to simulate the artificial corn with yellow beads. These plastic beads, George informed me, worked very well last fall. So I'm sure they will produce this spring. George says he can't keep up with the demand for them.

A key to any successful flounder trip is chum. In my opinion, the best is crushed mussels, and plenty of them.

You should place a decent sized chum pot (the bigger the better) in a pail, then fill the pot about halfway with mussels. Crush the mussels with a bat or piece of wood. Don't make mush with them, just crack them. Fill the pot to the top and repeat the crushing.

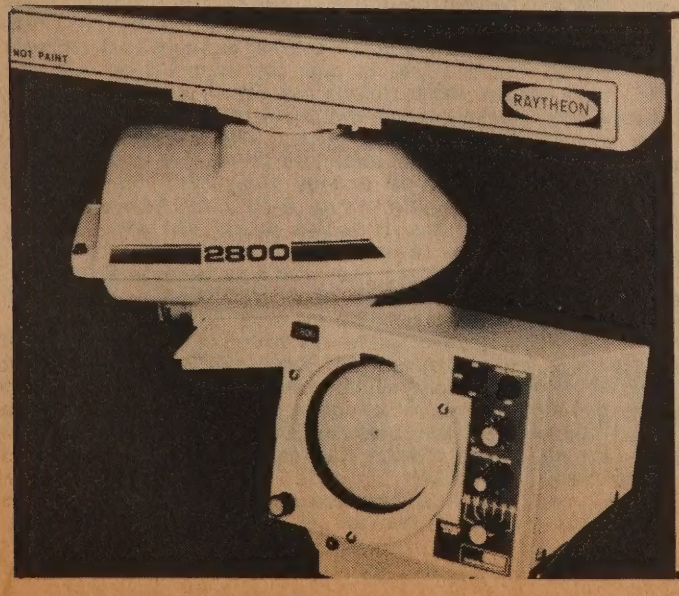
The reason for putting the pot in a pail when cracking the mussels is to keep the deck of the boat clean and clear of slippery bits of chum. You will then lower the pot to the bottom. Bounce it a few times to get the chum going and you will soon be in business.

Other kinds of chum that can be used are dog or cat food, clam chum, rice, crushed egg shells with oatmeal or corn.

It is interesting to note that the best way to use corn, crushed egg shells with oatmeal or rice is to place the chum in a paper bag with a rock in it (for weight). Tie the bag closed with a piece of fishing line and lower it to the bottom. Wait about half a minute, then very slowly lift the bag about three feet off the bottom. Quickly jerk the line a few times. The bottom of the bag will give way and your chum will be placed on the bottom directly under your boat.

If possible, you should locate the fish first before chumming. By this, I mean don't just chum for the sake of chumming. All the chum in the world will not put fish in the box, unless there are some in the vicinity.

A good way to accomplish this is to drift and wait until two fish are hooked—one after the other. Put over a marker buoy. Run up-tide of the buoy and put over the anchor. Tie off your anchor line once you have drifted back to the buoy. Now you are in a position to send over your chum pot and ring the dinner bell.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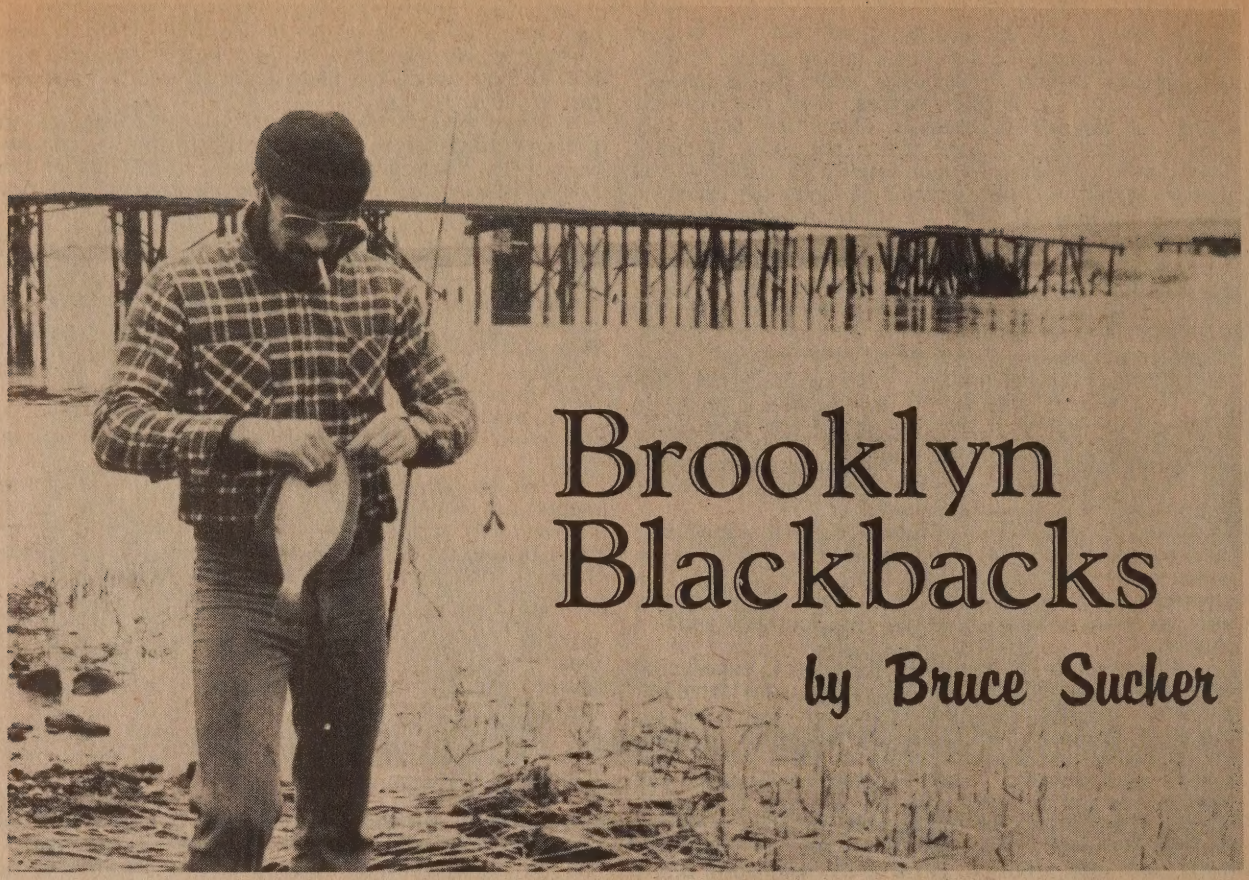

# Brooklyn Blackbacks

## by Bruce Sucher

**Sonny unhooks the first flounder of a new season.**

Those first few mild days in March are the hardest to ignore. The temperature hovers in the mid-fifties and the wind carries those hints of spring that even the city dweller responds to; the reminder of man's forgotten past when the seasons and the sun were the only clock. At first, I answer the call with a walk in Sheepshead Bay. Examine the catches of whiting and ling that are now caught almost exclusively in the deep waters of the Mud Hole. And I continue my walk west along Emmons Avenue until I pass the footbridge that spans the Bay. And there are the flounder fishermen. True die-hards, I've seen them break holes through the ice just to take that first flatfish of the new year. Most of them are what Matt Ahern would call "old-timers." And they catch fish. Not in great numbers, and usually thin from the long winter—but flounders.

Though I have become primarily a boat fisherman, I invariably start the flounder season by fishing from shore. A kind of warm-up and re-introduction to an old and usually cooperative friend. The April and early May freezer filling blitzes are yet to come. March is the month I return to a small area in Brooklyn that always produces that first fish and frequently surprises me with the number and size of the fish I catch.

I discovered the spot by accident. I was working at a tackle shop in Sheepshead Bay. And local worm diggers would sell their blood worms to meet the demand until the wholesalers in Maine opened shop. The quality of local worms was always high. When I sold a dozen, I'd tell the buyer he better have a snake bite kit handy if one grabbed a slow moving finger. If fishermen are secretive, then worm diggers are paranoid. An area, once discovered, can be quickly cleaned out. And blood worms take about three years to mature. I finally got a value reference to an area "behind the Marine Park golf course." But that was good enough. An area that held a substantial amount of bait was bound to hold fish. A combination of logic and observations led me to pinpoint some early season flounder territory.

Tackle requirements are minimal in this Gerritsen creek backwater. I prefer light spin tackle, but you can fish with any outfit that you can cast over fifty yards. Current and holding bottom (which is primarily mud) is not a problem. With eight to ten pound mono a one ounce sinker is fine; if you use fifteen pound test, then two ounces is better. Not just to hold bottom, but to make casting easier. This is no place for your eleven foot "lami" and Crack 300. Short casts will usually produce as well as the long toss. In fact, you can frequently cast beyond the productive spots.

Blood worms, once abundant in the area, but pretty well cleaned out by commercial diggers, are the best bait. If the tide is low you can still pitchfork a few snakes, but be prepared to sweat for a dozen. Bank mussels abound along the edge of the marsh, but I find them inferior to worm. Of course, at times they do work better, but if I had to play the odds I'd go with the blood worm. When things are slow I pick some of the bigger mussels, crack the shells and toss them around my rig. That sometimes helps to liven things up.

One of the most important things I've learned about fishing this area is to stay away from the standard Chestertown flounder hooks. A #8 to #10 Carlisle snelled onto a foot of ten or twelve pound test pink mono is best. For some reason these fish are hook and leader shy. The light, small hook and fine leader will increase your catch. That hint goes for flounder fishing in general, but in this particular area, it's most important.

Bring along about six complete rigs. A lot of debris plus a deep channel with steep sides will claim some hardware. A slow, steady pressure will usually get you past the edge of the channel, but only luck will get you out of a snag. These small Carlisles I recommended will straighten out before your line breaks: another good reason to use them.

A single hook tied two inches above your sinker is fine. If you like you can use the standard tandem rig, but I catch about the same number of fish on the single hook as I do on the double. If you find a hotspot you can

always add the second hook. One disadvantage of the light long leader is a tendency to foul.

Sometimes the flounder are difficult to locate; so I fish two rods. One I cast and leave in a sand spike. The other I cast, let sit a few minutes then bounce the sinker a few feet and let it sit again. Don't be in too much of a rush to move. Fan cast, as if you were working an artificial. That is, cast at various angles from where you're standing so the maximum amount of bottom is covered. Give each spot a good shot, say thirty minutes, and then move fifty yards and try again. Frequently, the "dead" rod in the sand spike will outproduce the one I'm holding. That tells me I'm impatient. I put both rods down and watch the tips. The hits, when they come, are usually light. The flounder are slow this time of year, so give them time to take hold. If after the hit you lift the rod and don't feel the fish, let it sit. If you're using blood worm, odds are the bait is still there. After five minutes, check the bait and try to drop your rig back in the same spot.

You can reach this portion of Gerritsen by car or bus (Avenue U or Flatbush Avenue). I prefer to fish the east bank just behind the Marine Park Golf Course. I leave my car in the golf course parking lot. No one has ever stopped me, but it might not be one hundred percent legal. If the golf course gate is locked, you have to go in through the main building. There are always a few golfers inside that look at me and my equipment a little funny. Sometimes a comment like, "fishing is the most boring sport" is the worst I've had to bear. "That's because you never catch anything", or "try eating golf balls," is what I'm thinking; but I just smile and go about my business. So far as I know golfers and fishermen are compatible.

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**Bank mussels can be gathered at low tide in the bay and are great as both bait and chum for flounder.**

Boat fishermen can and do catch flounder here. When the March wind is howling a boat can anchor up on the leeward side of Mau Mau Island and salvage the day, sometimes with impressive results. With marine gas hovering aroung the $2 per gallon mark, I expect the "grass is always greener," will be replaced by the "as close to home as possible" syndrome.

I like the incoming tide best. I try to arrive at low water so I can dig some worms, clams and gather mussels. And as the tide floods the flats, the flounder become more active. It's accessible, peaceful and frequently productive. An all but perfect cure for cabin fever. Give Gerritsen a try. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised.


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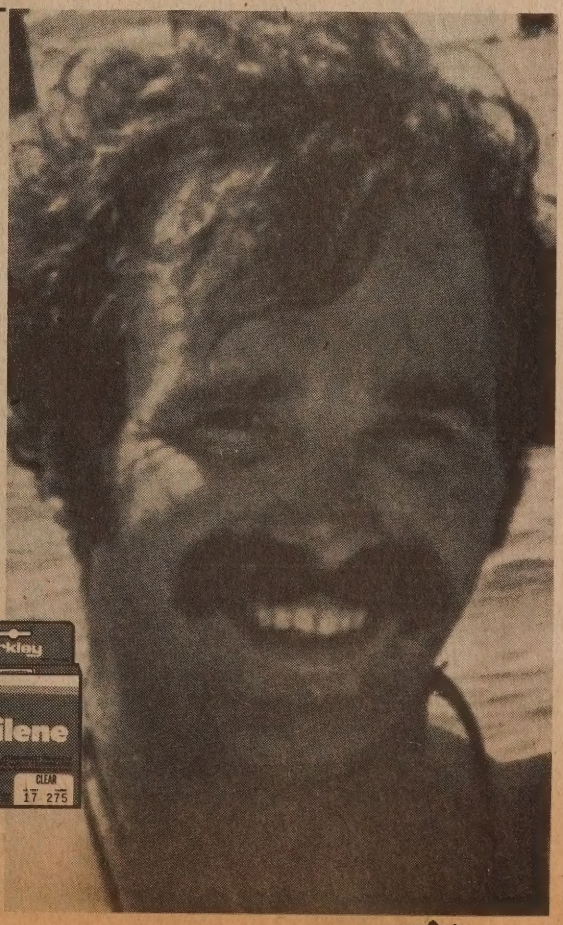

# BOSTON MACKEREL SHEER DELIGHT

by Milt Rosko

Call them "Boston mackerel" or Atlantic mackerel, their proper nomen. By whatever name the mackerel that swarm north from the Virginia Capes each spring, tarrying briefly in Jersey waters, are sheer delight. They don't stay long. Indeed, there have been seasons when our coast was buffeted by storms, and the macks went right on by, without any appreciable catch being made. But at other times, the macks have arrived in April and stayed through May, before moving east along Long Island's South Shore, and thence north to Canada's Maritime Provinces where they spend the summer.

As the mackerel move north in spring, the spots where they tarry must have an abundance of forage, because the species moves through literally by the millions. At times, you can look down into the waters and the macks are packed so solid as they swim together that their backs appear as a dark cloud. A glance at the recording paper of a fathometer shows it black from the surface to the bottom at times, so huge are the schools. In spite of the numbers, the mackerel can be as finicky as they choose. Historically, it has been more difficult to catch mackerel when they first arrive in the spring, than when they make their southerly trek in the fall. Many attribute this reluctance to bite to their minds being on spawning chores, which take place during springtime.

Occasionally the mackerel will move northwards well offshore, and sometimes they'll swarm into the surf. More often than not, they'll be found from a mile or so offshore, out five or six miles. Without question, if there are concentrations of bait along the coast, that's where the mackerel will settle in.

There are a variety of ways in which the mackerel may be caught. Aboard the party boats, anglers usually employ heavier tackle, simply because it would be awkward to use light gear, but the private and charter boatmen have a bit more room, so can choose lighter gear.

A light popping outfit with a level-wind saltwater casting reel is a nice combination for these fish, or a spinning outfit of the same action, both fitted with ten or twelve pound test monofilament line. While the mackerel only average out at one to two pounds in weight, the line test is essential, as often you'll catch two or three at a time and if you use lighter tests you'll simply break off a lot of tackle while lifting the fish aboard.

Jigging and mackerel go together, so much so that many anglers call a diamond jig a "mackerel jig," simply because they associate the two. The diamond jig is a standard on the mackerel grounds, with the smaller models in the one, two and three ounce sizes favored—especially when wind and tide conditions permit their use. But if rough water, wind and current combine to make for a fast drift, it's essential that you switch to a heavier outfit and you may find it necessary to use a five or six ounce jig. The Vike jig is also popular on the mackerel grounds, as is the Hopkins and the bent sand eel model—a vintage favorite.

Most jiggers work their jig in combination with two or three tube teasers, which are run ahead of the jig at intervals of a foot to eighteen inches. Red tubes measuring two to three inches in length by one-eighth to one-quarter inch in thickness are favored, although you'll catch mackerel on most any color including yellow, green, blue, black and natural. We've even used clear tube teasers, with a piece of Mylar piping around the hook inside the tube, and it worked just great.

The accepted technique when working a jig and teaser combination is to first locate the fish on your fathometer, or have the party boat skipper do so, and shut down over the school of fish. Sometimes the schools are so huge that you can drift with them for hours. The jig is lowered into the depth and brought back with a retrieve where you lift the rod tip smartly, then lower it and reel as you do, lifting back smartly again. This causes the jig to dart towards the surface and then falter, and mackerel will swarm to engulf it and the teasers.

The key is locating the level at which the fish are feeding, and then

to lower your jig to that level and work it there vigorously.

When mackerel are plentiful, it's usually simply a matter of locating the fish and enjoying bonanza fishing. But that isn't always the case, with the schools sometimes scattered and the fish finicky. At such times, chumming the fish helps considerably. Ground mossbunker makes an excellent chum, and I usually carry a couple of chum logs aboard when we head for the mackerel grounds. I'll place a frozen log in my chum pot, and just hang it over the side, down fifteen or twenty feet in the depths. As I drift along the log thaws and the chum oozes from it, attracting and holding any mackerel that happen by.

You can also mix up a light soup of chum and sea water, and ladle it overboard much the same as you would chum for bluefish. Chum sparingly, however. Remember, you want to attract the mackerel, not feed them.

Sometimes the chum will draw the mackerel right to the surface, where they swim by the hundreds, literally inches beneath the surface. At such times, they're great sport on a light spinning or casting rod. I like to use a tiny jig about an inch-and-a-half in length, although I've also scored with shad darts, bucktail jigs such as those popular for bonefish, and tiny spoons. I've also scored while using a #2 or #3 Claw or Beak style hook with a small piece of mackerel bait or whiting bait on it, just drifted out into the chum, much as you'd fish blues. With the light gear you don't catch as many fish, but you sure have a lot of fun doing it.

Indeed, I've seen anglers who never before caught mackerel, hook them on freshwater spinning tackle, and thought they were into fish many times the weight of the one and two pounders they brought aboard, so hard and fast are the torpedo-shaped macks.

The flavor of mackerel is rather heavy and the meat dark. Its flavor is found a delight to many; but I find it can be improved by filleting the fish, then skinning them, and finally by removing the very dark meat along the lateral line. This makes the fish much lighter flavored and more to my liking. I like them best when smoked, and if you have a smokehouse in your area, most certainly drop them off to be smoked. Leroy's Fishery on Route 36 in Atlantic Highlands smokes ours at a nominal fifty cents per pound, and they are a real rich gourmet's treat, as snacks and hors d'oeuvres,

When the word is out that the mackerel are in, you can't hesitate, for to do so is lost. They are unpredictable, and may stay a week, or a month. Best bet is to step aboard your favorite party boat, charter rig, or your own craft and head out to the fleet and have a ball with a small, but fast, bundle of dynamite.


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# The EARLY BIRDS

by Martin & Janet Carroll

**John McCardell of Medford dunks worms in a deep hole on the Connetquot while fishing for white perch. Note the low tidal stage—we never did see a flood tide this day.**

The period including late winter and early spring is definitely the toughest for the Long Island fisherman. Sure, Saint Pat's Day is the "traditional" flounder opener, but most of the flatfish experts, even those with both eyes on the right sides of their heads, won't have enough fillets to stock their freezers until late April. Codfish, you say? They would be a viable alternative, except for the fact that the quality of current winter codfishing varies from "stinko" to plain "zippo" for most mortals. What, then, does a poor angler do, besides mending, repairing, tinkering, and pacing the workroom floor?

A valid suggestion for stir-crazed fisherfolk is to try some inshore fishing for two of the "early birds" of our northern waters: the white perch, **Morrone americana**—the midget cousin of the striper; and the Atlantic tomcod, **Microgadus tomcod**—the smallest local member of the codfish clan.

These little fellows have a lot going for them. Both are numerous in many places on the Island, both are relatively easy to catch, and, most important, both provide excellent table fare after a winter of chowders, casseroles, and sundry mystery bakes. They're a lot of fun to catch, too, because they're pan-sized, average around ten to twelve inches and less than a pound (a 1½ lb. tommycod or a 3 lb. silver perch would be giants of their kind), and are readily taken on the lightest tackle. Finally, because both species are sought after by relatively few anglers, information is shared. When you come across a man who fishes for either fish, you shouldn't have to bribe him to find out the wheres, whens, and hows.

"Where" is perhaps the easiest part, but the "when" depends on location and seasonal weather conditions. This is particularly true of the white perch. Almost every tidal river or creek on Long Island, from Mill Creek in Rockville Centre to the Dam Pond estuary in East Marion, has a spawning run of white perch sometime between late February and early May. Temporal differences depend on the warming of the waters into which the rivers or creeks flow. The shallow GreatSouth Bay warms early, while deeper Peconic Bay warms later; and this seemingly accounts for the month-and-a-half difference between the peak of the perch run on the Connetquot and Peconic Rivers. Given a warm late winter and early spring, the interval will be shorter; in a cold year, it becomes longer. The Connetquot, according to Phil Briggs of Oakdale, who has Connetquot water in his veins, peaks in March, while the best action on silver perch in the Peconic occurs in mid-April or later. In fact, we took a noontime stroll through downtown Riverhead the very last week in April last year and saw cane-pole anglers bailing enough fish to feed Eastern Long Island. One rule of thumb is that the bigger the river, the more predictable the run will be and the more information should be available. The smaller the creek, the more mysterious. We still haven't solved the riddles of timing on certain little tidal creeks around our home in Mattituck, even though we're certain they have perch runs. Incidentally, runs are at their best for two or three weeks—although the fish seem to hang around in large schools for a month or more afterwards.

Bait choices for white perch vary, but worms of some sort are the old standby. Although veterans like Briggs tout brine shrimp and killies are the best, with sand and bloodworms next, many anglers, including ourselves, have done well enough with "garden hackle," earthworms and night crawlers. Bait should be carried freely with the current and a couple of BB shot or a very small rubber-cored sinker should provide enough weight to take the presentation down near or onto the bottom, if necessary. Usually, it pays to experiment and to find the depth at which the schools

are feeding, even if it means putting out several rods with baits at different depths. Hooks in sizes six to twelve suit both the medium-sized mouths of the perch and the small size of the baits. Ultra-light spinning tackle with lines in the two to four pound class is perfect for this type of bait fishing. Anglers who fish artificials have their days, too. As the water warms later in the run, white perch can be nailed quite effectively on tiny jigs, spoons, spinners, and even small (size ten to fourteen) streamer flies.

One word of caution in the search for perch is to make sure of the right conditions on any creek or river. We lined up a March trip on the Connetquot last year with river angler John McCardell of Medford and thought we had it figured perfectly. The run had been going for a couple of weeks, the river had a flood tide that morning, and the weather was reasonable—except for a persistent northwest blow. We put in below Dowling College with our friend, negotiated the shallows at low water, anchored below a deep hole, set out baits, and waited for incoming water. We waited in vain for both flooding water and fish! The strong wind, blowing for some thirty-six hours, had virtually pushed much of the water out of the river and had negated any tidal flow from Great South Bay. The fish were not in their usual haunts, and we never did find them.

We have heard of early season tomcod taken just about everywhere from Long Island Sound to Peconic Bay, and, fortunately, tomcod fishing seems to be a steadier thing than perch angling. If deep holes near the mouth of a tidal river or within a canal stay cold enough (roughly below 50° F.), the little tommies will hang on and on. In the Quogue Canal in 1979, for example, there were reports of sizeable catches of tomcod right through early May. One gentleman from Southold told us of a score on the Connecticut side of Long Island Sound in late June, many years ago. Again, as in perch fishing, the best advice is to ask, "where?"

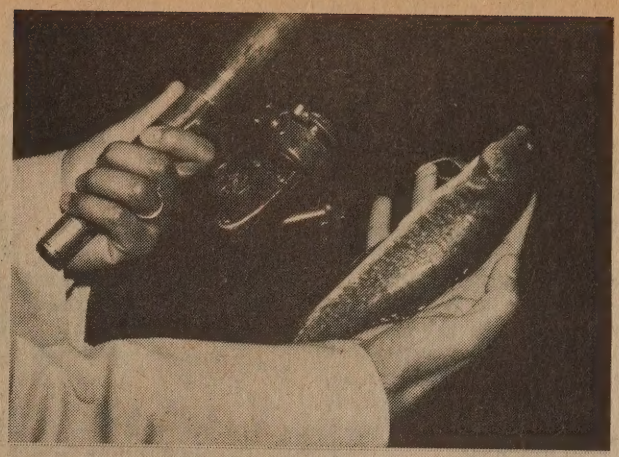
When Ron Kuczynski, of **Tony's** in Hampton Bays, tipped us off on the location of the fish in the Quogue Canal last April, we were extremely grateful. A northeast storm had knocked out a scheduled trip for Peconic Bay flounders, and the sheltered canal on the South Shore was one of our few alternatives. Launching a cartopper, we proceeded to the hole, anchored up-tide, and dropped our tiny pieces of sand worm directly into the mouths of the cooperative little fish. We filled a pair of clip-stringers in very short order and quit before our wet fingers froze to the reel handles.

Tackle for tommies is exactly like that which you'd use for the smallest of flounder, rigs included. Hooks are sizes eight to twelve, baited with seaworm sections, and sinker weights of one or two ounces will hold bottom in most twenty-five or thirty foot holes. We tried using extra fine line in the two pound class last season and were frustrated by its stretch while fishing deep areas. It really didn't make much difference as far as fighting the little fellows was concerned; they come off the bottom with only a few flips, flops, and tugs of resistance. So four pound test lines with less stretch are a better bet. The main thing is to have a sensitive rod with a good feel for the light tugging and sucking of the fish. Again, thinking small flounder and manipulating the bait with an occasional slow lift will put tomcod into the boat.

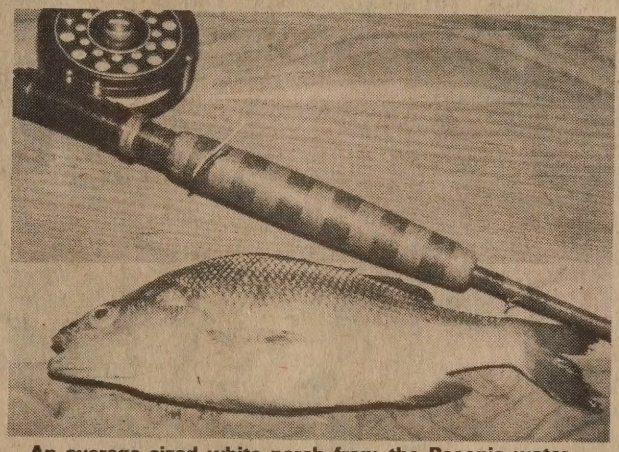
For both tomcod and white perch angling, you'll be fishing sheltered waters most of the time, so small boats, skiffs, and cartoppers are in order. A sturdy anchor (two if you want to anchor broadside) and fifty feet of line, a fine-meshed net for lightly hooked specimens, and stringers to keep the fish alive and fresh until departure time are the only gear needed besides rods, reels, and bait. As far as clothing goes, just like any early season excursion during which things can get sour and damp in a hurry, it's best to tote foul weather gear, rubber boots, and rubber gloves. Even when the weather starts out balmy, a wind shift to the north can send old Boreas down your back and up your legs if you're unprepared.

Arriving home with a box of fresh tomcod or white perch begins the most pleasant part of the angling experience: the transfer of superb seafood from fish chest to pan to table. For best flavor, perch should be skinned, but the little tomcod need only be scaled before dipping into seasoned batter and frying in hot oil. White perch flesh is remarkably like striped bass in its flaky firmness, but it has the sweetness of flounder. A.J. McClane, the angling gourmet who wrote **McClane's Standard Fishing Encyclopedia**, paid the white perch the ultimate compliment by stating, "There is no finer fish to eat than the white perch." Tomcod have the soft texture of most of the family **Gadidae**, but the color of the flesh is slightly off-white. Don't let that bother you, however; it's just as good or even better than the flesh of its bigger relatives.

So when the days of late winter and early spring arrive, please don't look for us at home. After we've made a few phone calls, scratched around the local shops and our own compost heap for bait, we'll be out on the water looking for those early birds. And maybe we won't shiver quite so much if we close our eyes and imagine the warmth of a kitchen scented with the odors of fresh deep-fat-fried fish!



**Portraits of tomcod taken with ultralight spinning gear, sandworms and flounder rigs.**



**An average sized white perch from the Peconic watershed. Later in the spring the scrappy white perch can be taken on tiny streamer flies as well as on bait.**

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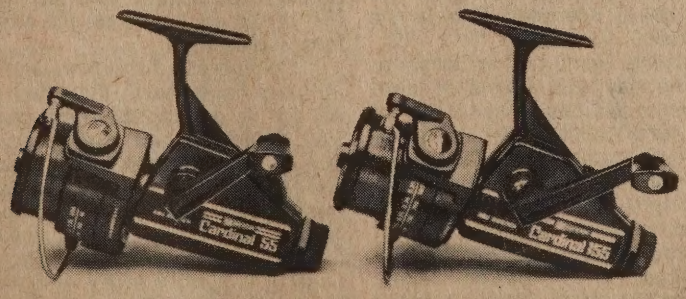


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# The Case For A Saltwater Fishing License

## ★PART FIVE★

# Political Ramifications

And now we finally get down to the nitty-gritty of the saltwater licensing issue: the political ramifications of being, or **not** being, licensed. Historically, saltwater sport fishermen have always examined a saltwater license from only one perspective—what do we have to **gain** from being licensed? While this has always been a legitimate question that was never adequately answered, events of recent years have brought another perspective into question: what do we stand to **lose** by **not** being licensed?

What sport fishermen stand to gain has already been outlined in previous parts of this series. The money raised from license fees would go into a special fund (The **Marine Recreational Fisheries Fund**) that would be administered and spent by the **Marine Fisheries Council**, which would be composed of seven legitimate sport fishermen. The money could only be spent on projects that would directly benefit the sport fishermen who are paying the bill: new launching ramps (like the one in Heckscher State Park) located around the Island, artificial fishing reefs, ocean and inshore fishing piers, public docking facilities, access to more beaches for surf fishermen, catwalks for fishing from bridges, etc. Many safeguards have been written into the Model License (printed in Part One of this series) that would prevent the money from being wasted on projects that have nothing to do with fishing, and would prevent the Council appointments from being used for political patronage by politicians.

Nevertheless, an argument can be made that we **can** do without improving our fishing facilities. After all, we've never really had any, so how much can we miss something we've never had? If you feel this way, then you shouldn't be "for" a license because of the new facilities it would provide. However, this should not be your only criteria for deciding whether a license is desirable—you also must consider the political ramifications of what a license would mean. And even more importantly, you must consider the political price we have been paying by **not** being licensed. This is the topic of this week's installment.

In our opinion, the turning point of the saltwater licensing issue came on the day that President Ford signed the Fisheries Conservation Managment Act of 1976, commonly known as the 200-Mile Limit. With the signing of this act, the United States finally recognized that our fisheries were a very important natural resource in political, social, and economic terms. It also recognized that this resource was not unlimited, and if not properly managed it could easily be destroyed—much as it has been destroyed in Europe and Japan. One need only look at the waters of the Mediterranean and the main islands of Japan to see what unregulated and unmanaged commercial fishing can do to a fishery over a period of time. It's no wonder that these countries started sailing half-way round the world to fish in the waters of our Continental Shelf—they had "fished out" their own waters decades ago. They were in the process of doing the same in American fisheries, but fortunately it appears that the 200-Mile Limit was enacted in time, and virtually all of the fish stocks (with the exception of tuna) that were dangerously depleted are on the road to recovery.

But there was a Catch-22 in the 200-Mile Limit. It wouldn't make any sense to stop the abuses of the foreign fishing fleets only to have them replaced by the abuses of an American fishing fleet a few years down the road. To prevent this from happening, a complex management system was set up by the legislation to ensure that our fisheries would be properly used and protected from further damage. The Act set up Regional Managment Councils that would devise management plans for each species found in its area, and the Councils would be composed of individuals who had an interest in the future of the fisheries: basically, the commercial and recreational user groups. Although this all sounded good on paper, and probably would have worked outstandingly if implemented in ShangriLa, in practice it is turning into a disaster for the recreational sport fishermen. The Catch-22 of the FCMA was simple: politics would determine the policies of the National Marine Fisheries Service (which would administer the Act), and politics would determine the make-up and actions of the Regional Management Councils (which would implement the Act).

This is not to say that "politics" is not a good thing: without it, a democracy such as ours could not survive. There are no politics in a dictatorship or communist government. The fault with a democracy (if there is one) is that in order to benefit from it, you must **participate** in it—and that means playing politics when it is necessary. No one ever gained anything in this country by refusing to participate in the political process. On the contrary, it is those who **participate** in the political process, by organizing their forces and applying political pressure to the governments and elected officials, who get what they want. Those who refuse to participate invariably end up holding the short end of the stick, and all the cries of "that's unfair" are meaningless.

Commercial fishermen and the commercial fishing industry have shown that they are very adept at using politics to accomplish their goals. They are extremely well organized, and usually speak with a united voice due to their common bond: economics. They fought the 200-Mile Limit for years, knowing of the government interference that it would bring. But once it became a reality, they quickly closed ranks and used the situation to their best advantage. They lobbied on both the Federal and state levels of government, and succeeded in having the Regional Management Councils heavily weighted with commercial fishermen. Their lobbyists are also very influential with the National Marine Fisheries Service, which was born out of the old Bureau of Commercial Fisheries. As a result of these efforts, virtually all of the actions that have been taken in the last four years by the Regional Councils have focused on the interests of the commercial fishing industry, while

the recreational fisheries have been ignored. The government has been spending huge amounts of money to support and revitalize the commercial fishing fleet in the form of loans for new boats, encouraging the development of new markets, encouraging fishing for "under-utilized" species such as the bluefish, encouraged joint ventures with foreign nations, and generally just doing everything in its power to build a huge American commercial fishing fleet as soon as possible—all without regard to the effect that these actions will have on the recreational fisherman. Important game fish such as the bluefin tuna are still being heavily overfished by the Japanese because the tunas are not covered by the 200-Mile Limit. The American tuna lobby, which wants to continue fishing in the waters of other nations, has prevented management of our tuna. The reasons for many of these actions are too involved to explain in this article, but those who have been following Al Ristori's "National Scene" column for the past four years are familiar with these problems.

The domestic commercial fishing fleet has grown so rapidly in the last four years that it has even surprised many commercial fishermen. At the present time, there is a slight pause in this phenomenal growth due to two limiting factors that have been encountered: dockage, and processing facilities. The effect of the 200-Mile Limit on Montauk is a good example. The fleet has more than tripled in size in the last four years, and would easily double again if there were more dock space for draggers. There are also plans in the works for more packing and processing facilities on shore to handle the huge amount of fish that will be caught. Canneries and flash-freeze facilities are needed so that all of this fish does not enter the fresh fish market and flood it, driving prices down. The University of Rhode Island (so we have heard) is working on a government grant to develop a method of canning bluefish so that this "under-utilized" species can be exported. Applications have been made in East Hampton for a new dock and packing facility in Montauk Lake that could off-load five large draggers at a time. The list could go on and on, but the point has been made.

Meanwhile, nothing is being done to prevent this rapid growth in the commercial fishery from destroying recreational fishing—which it unquestionably will if the present trends continue. As far as the Federal and state governments are concerned, there is no such thing as a recreational fishery. In our own state, there are less than five hundred full time commercial fishermen on the eastern end of Long Island—yet they are organized to the point that they have a full time paid lobbyist to look out for their interests. They lobby in Washington and in Albany, and are always in attendance at public hearings. So it's not surprising when the Suffolk County Regional Coastal Zone Managment Plan recommends that a large commercial fishing complex be constructed in Shinnecock with taxpayers' money. Nor should it be surprising that commercial fishermen are allowed to construct fish traps in state parks, or gillnet weakfish while they are spawning in the flats of Great South Bay. The government agencies and elected officials are only responding to where the political pressure is coming from. And, with few exceptions, this political pressure has been coming from the commercial fishing lobby.

The question is why can't sport fishermen get their act together and organize into an effective political lobby as the commercial fishermen have? It's not for lack of trying; it has been tried and tried again, all to no avail—including by The Long Island Fisherman. It appears obvious at this time that sport fishermen will never be effectively organized as long as this organization relies on voluntary participation. This is due to the very nature of our sport. As I pointed out in the presentation I made last year in Fort Lauderdale at the **Fourth Annual Marine Recreational Fisheries Symposium**, sport fishermen usually take up the sport to get away from things like politics. We didn't become sport fishermen to attend public hearings, write letters to politicians, lobby government officials—one of our prime motivations for going fishing has been to **escape** such activities. To forget about double-digit inflation, politics, rising taxes, our jobs, and the fact that we will probably never meet Bo Derek face to face. As a result, we have become apathetic about doing anything to protect the future of our sport. We have fought, and continue to fight, a saltwater fishing license because of the government interference that it would mean in our activities. But as I stated a year ago in Florida, and state again today, if we don't face the realities of what is happening, and put aside our emotions and begin to participate in the political process to protect our rights as sport fishermen from both government interference and commercial fishing interests, we will ultimately lose the enjoyment that recreational sport fishing affords us—because either there will no longer be any fish to catch or we will be prevented by government regulations from fishing for those that remain. Of this we are convinced, along with everyone else around the country who has been actively involved in dealing with the government and fighting for the rights of sport fishermen. We only hope that we have been able to convince you of this.

The first step in this direction is the implementation of a saltwater fishing license—THERE IS NO OTHER WAY. A license is the only means by which sport fishermen are going to obtain the political influence that our numbers and economic power deserve. If New York State had two million sport fishermen paying for a license to fish in saltwater, the state government could no longer deny our existence. The **Marine Fisheries Council** that would be formed should be an effective lobby that could be working directly with the state government and informing it of our needs and interests. Make no mistake about it—the government, be it Federal, state or local municipality, **always** responds to those who are playing the loudest music and are paying for the bill. If we had been licensed in 1979, there wouldn't have been any fight to save Romer Shoals—the Governor would have stopped it with a single telephone call. There wouldn't have been a fish trap constructed in a state park—instead, the state would be **reducing** the areas where traps could be constructed. Al Ristori wouldn't have been thrown off the Mid-Atlantic Council while Nancy Goell remained, and a seat would not have been taken away from New York. The government wouldn't be thinking of building more docking facilities for draggers, but would be building more **public** marinas and launching ramps. It wouldn't be taking away access to our beaches in state parks, but would be opening areas like Orient Point State Park to surf fishermen. Once again, the list goes on and on.

If we fight now for a license and get one, what is the worst that could happen? We're each out the six bucks that the license would cost—which these days will only buy about two dozen bloodworms or a good plug. When weighed against what we stand to lose by **not** being licensed, a six dollar gamble to us seems more than reasonable.

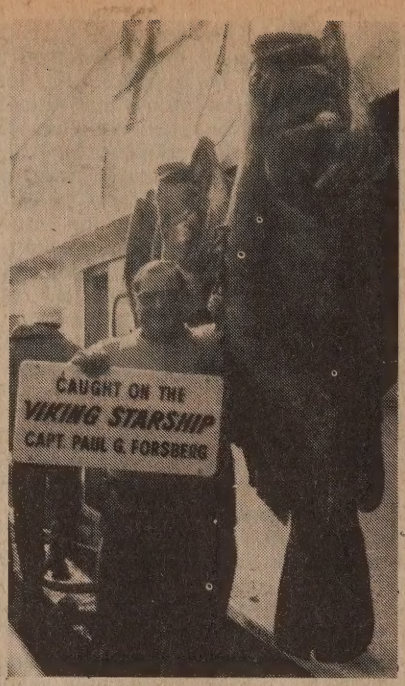
Next week will be the last part in this series. It will consist of two parts: a brief summary of each part and what they covered, followed by a list of questions that we anticipate from our readers that we will give the explanations for. Then we will ask our readers to respond to the series with written comments, publishing and answering representative letters until all aspects of the saltwater licensing issue have been covered. When this process of reader input is completed, we will insert a post card into one of our issues that will be a ballot for readers to mark their vote on and mail in. If the vote is "Yes," we will actively seek to have the Model License introduced as legislation. If the vote is "No," we won't...and let come what may.

# MONTAUK
## ★ BEST BET ★
## COD

**The Viking Star** reports improved codfishing now with fish bigger, in the 6-15 lb. range with the pool winners generally in the 30s. The Block Island Grounds are being worked and catches are averaging 5-8 fish per person. The first Nantucket Wreck trip will be sailing at 11PM, May 26, returning the next day at approximately 7PM. Fare is $75 with $40 deposit required. See ad for details.

**The Marlin Fleet** reports that on Saturday both boats were chartered by IBM. Pedro Leone of Ozone Park hung the pool fish, a 60 lb. cod to win top honors and, of course, the pool.He beat out a 54, 55 and 46 lb cod. Ten additional cod in the forties were brought over the rail as were several mixed pollack. The body count was 70 fish, all on clam. Catches were made south of the Point.

Captain Ron Grandinetti of the charter boat **Julie III** asked us to let readers know that he is now chartering for the 1980 season. Also, Ron will be fishing under the banner of the Montauk Captains' Association.




**Ross Pearson of Lancaster, Pa. caught this 269¼ lb. jewfish aboard the "Viking Starship" fishing Key West, Florida. The fish has been entered in the MET fishing tournament.**

Capt. Buddy Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** stopped in to tell us that he will begin his 1980 sailings on Wednesday, April 9th for cod and pollack. He says the boat is all set to go and all it needs is people to pull fish.

Capt. Paul Sundberg of the charterboat **Big Blue** called to tell us that Friday's charter for Rev. Stanley Heinz and group fished the Cia grounds and accounted for 4 big pollack from 20 to 27 lbs. and 12 cod running from 20 to 35 lbs. Catches were made on both bait and on diamond jigs.

Capt. Gary Kiefer called to say that he has just purchased a new "BARRACUDA", which will also be a 6 man boat but Gary says this one is bigger, faster and more comfortable with twin diesels. He will be sailing from West Lake Fishing Lodge starting towards the end of April.

Charterboat **King Wayne** called to tell us of good catches of cod and pollack both Sat. and Sun. fishing south of Montauk Point. Fish ran up to 32 lbs. All cod were taken on clam while diamond jigs with a single tube tied 3 ft. up took the pollack. Capt. Wayne says that he has a couple of choice weekdays and Sundays for the Spring run of cod, pollack, and snowshoe flounders.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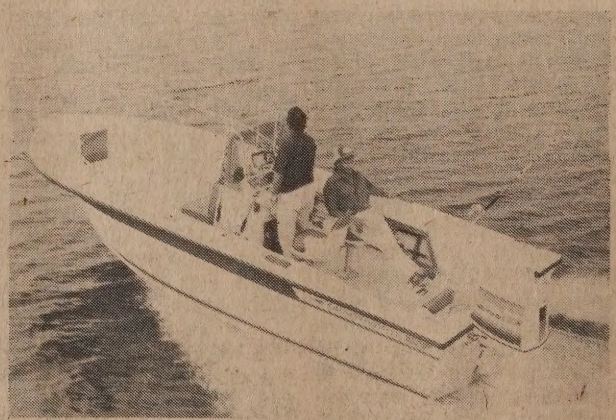

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# Facts On Rationing Fuel To Boaters

## by National Marine Manufacturers Association

Last fall, the Congress in frustration at years of inability to develop a national energy plan, passed the Emergency Energy Conservation Act of 1979. This Act primarily provided instructions for the Department of Energy in development of energy conservation and rationing programs in the event of both medium energy shortages and severe energy shortages. The recreational boating industry participated in the legislative process and various safeguards are contained in the legislation assuring that our industry will not be unfairly treated or discriminated against in terms of the burden we would have to shoulder in an energy shortage situation.

Pursuant to this law, the Department of Energy has been attempting to develop both a standby gasoline rationing plan (which can be used only in event gasoline shortages reach twenty percent or more) and a conservation plan for lesser levels of shortage. Hearings were held in early January on the rationing plan and the recreational boating industry made a good showing at all the hearings. We do not anticipate unfair treatment when the final rationing is announced.

The second half of the Department of Energy's job is the development of energy conservation plans for moderate shortages less than twenty percent. The first line of defense is state energy conservation plans designated to meet whatever energy reduction targets are declared for each state by the President in the event of shortages. Should such plans prove unworkable, a Federal plan will be superimposed on the states.

It is the Federal plan that has been announced within the last week and which is receiving media attention. The Standby Emergency Energy Conservation Plan was published February 7 in the Federal Register. The standby conservation plan can be implemented only after the President declares an "energy emergency."

Several of the measures—which do not directly affect boating—come into effect immediately. Others are proposals which may be incorporated into the plan depending on the public commentary received at public hearings which have been scheduled, or by letter. One of these proposals for public commentary is a request for the authority to restrict the weekend use of pleasure boats, either on Saturday or Sunday or both. The weekend boat restriction proposal is carried in the Federal Register as a notice of proposed rule-making and will be subject to public comment for a period of sixty days.

Needless to say, we do not like being singled out and feel that this proposal is both unnecessary and discriminatory to the extent it violates the statutory authority to develop the plan granted by Congress.

The following points can be made in opposition to the weekend boating restriction in the Standby Conservation Plan:

*Boating consumes little fuel, less than one-half of one percent of the annual U.S. oil consumption. Estimates of marine fuel usage by DOE in projecting potential energy savings are far too high.

*DOE has exempted other low fuel consumers from discriminatory restrictions. There are no such restrictions applied to general aviation, snowmobiling, RVs.

*Industry lawyers argue that the discrimination against boating is illegal and industry spokesmen will so testify at the hearings on the proposed rule. The law requires that after meeting essential needs, fuel be distributed equitably among other users.

*The proposal is just that—a proposal. It will not have any regulatory effect until all public comment has been reviewed.

*The proposed rule contradicts the statements of DOE Secretary Charles Duncan to the Recreation and Tourism Caucus January 30 in Washington, D.C. The Secretary said no segment of the recreation industry would be "singled out" for discriminatory treatment.

*DOE is deliberately "picking on" boating. DOE sees boating as having high public visibility. The boating industry is not interested in becoming DOE's symbolic scapegoat.

Everyone concedes that in an "energy emergency," priority uses exist. Once these priority needs have been met, all other current and future user requirements should be met or curtailed on an equitable basis. Such an approach embodies basic notions of fairness that all should share the burdens of shortage and is one of the few principles upon which a national consensus exists with respect to energy problems.

**You can object to the proposed standby weekend boating restriction by submitting your views, data or arguments in writing to the Department of Energy by April 7th.**

**Comments should be addressed to:**

**Standby Federal Emergency Energy Conservation Plan**
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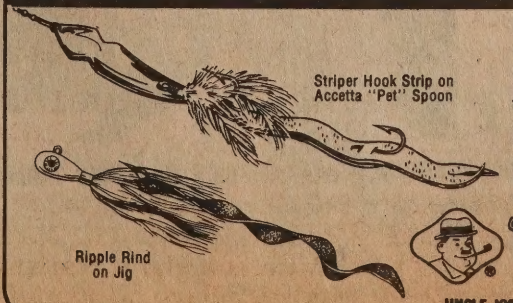


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# SOUTH FORK ★ BEST BET ★ FLOUNDER

## SHINNECOCK

Thom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** said that the Quogue Canal continues to produce good catches of flounder. Don Matesic and Roger McDowell did it again with another one half bushel of flatties landed on bloods and clams. The pair chummed with mussels and fished inside of the canal. Heady Creek and Towd Point have also started producing fish in fair quantities. Clams and worms have been equally effective. Barry Marks took 4 flounder, all over 1 lb., from the Sag Harbor bridge on Saturday.

The **Capt. Clark** reports fair flounder activity on Saturday, opening day, due to a persistent east wind. Sunday saw an improvement with all good size fish taken mostly on mussels. The **Capt. Clark** worked south Jamesport in Peconic Bay both days. The **Capt. Clark II** will sail every day starting this Friday April 4th.

## MORICHES BAY

Bob of the **Highway Fishing Station** was enthused because flounder have now begun moving out of the canal and into the bay. Good scores were made during the week at buoys 43 and 44 which means that anglers now have a much shorter

**One hundred and ten keeper flounder taken by Fred Clark, Mike Wollins and Stan Wasserfall fishing buoy 50 with bank mussels for both bait and chum. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.**

**Clay Hartman and Mickey Barbaro, both of Sayville, with some nice fat flounders from 1/2 to 1 lb. taken fishing out of Young's Fishing Station.**

run to the fishing grounds. One pair of anglers used worms and mussel chum to take 90 good sized flounder at buoy 44.

Jim at **Skidmore's Fishing Station** dittoed Bob's report of fish spreading out into the bay. Despite the rain on Saturday, good catches were made in the vicinity of buoy 50. During the week the area east of buoy 42 produced very good catches of nice sized flatties. Worms, red-dyed clams and mussels have all been effective baits. Mussel chum is a necessity if you want to score big.

The **Silly Lily Fishing Station** reported a catch of 60 flounder up to 1½ lbs. made by Jo Obermeier and his sons Michael and Joey. The trio fished the buoy 50 area using worms for bait and chumming with mussels.

Herb Schroer, Steve Hines and George Keller fished the Quogue canal during the week and totaled 450 tommy cod on an ebbing tide working buoy 7a. This was all of sandworms and lots of mussel chum.

Ted of **Westhampton Marine Supplies** called to tell us that they celebrated their grand opening this past weekend. They'll be carrying a full supply of bait for flounder fishermen from now on. Ted's daughter Cheryl will be running the shop. Ted also had a fishing report. He knew that casters have been doing well from the banks of the Quogue Canal on bloodworms. He spoke to two anglers who fished the Canal over the weekend, one reported a catch of 47 keepers; the other reported taking 32 flatties.

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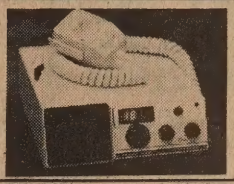

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## WEST SAYVILLE

Vinnie of the **South Bay Fishing Station** reported that flounder fishing has been very good in the Heckscher area, along the east line, and off of Barrett Beach in Cherry Grove. On Sunday, Paul O'Connell and Gary McDonald took 60 good fish off of Cherry Grove on worms and mussel chum. Also on Sunday, Danny Ambrosio and his father, clicked with 40 nice sized flounder fishing the east line.

## BAY SHORE

Carl of **Smokey's Bait and Tackle Shop** had some good scores to report for this past weekend. On Saturday, Bay Shore Tuna Club members Ed Whitney, John Petit, and his son John Jr. and Ed Wicks took 74 flatties up to 1½ lbs. in the Heckscher area. Also on Saturday aboard the boat Trouble Maker on the same Heckscher Park grounds, Al Colban, Boyd Miller and Bob Apolian took 80 flounder up to 2 lbs. on mussels. During the week, Rich McGuire and Vito Dottone took 40 flounder up to 2 lbs. off of Bayberry Point. They chummed with mussels and used both mussels and worms for bait. On Wednesday, the crew aboard the Rum 'n Coke traveled east to Heckscher to take 50 fish up to 2 lbs. Another pair of Bay Shore Tuna Club members, Walter Kuszelewicz and Doc Bohner fished the Bay Shore area with worms and mussel chum to take 30 flounder to 1½ lbs. They also stirred the bottom with a plunger.

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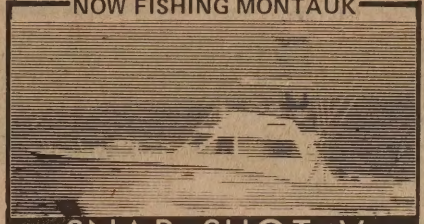

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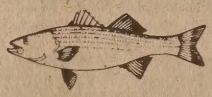

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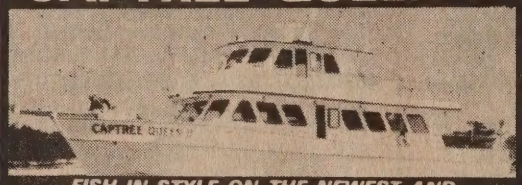

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except for Thursday and Saturday. High hook most days is in the 30s. High hook Sunday was Pete Peterson of Massapequa with 32 keeper flounders. Sunday a 2 lb. 14 oz. bruiser was hauled aboard single-handedly by Maureen Mazza of Brentwood and she took 7 other keepers as well. Sunday fish were the best sized of the week and of the season so far. The boat is fishing 15 minutes from the dock on the Bayshore Flats with worm, clam and this is on any moving water.

## CAPTREE

The **Capt. Ben Litwin** reports plenty of flounder being caught every day and that the fish are good sized. A 2 lb. 15 oz. brute was taken during the week on the boat. Fish are hitting bloodworms and clams equally well on both tides. There are fish on every drop. One fare on Thursday had high hook honors with 26 keepers.

The **Capt. Scotty** had flounder action Saturday to the tune of 10 to 12 keepers average a man. Sunday's body count was 12 to 15 average flatties per man. Capt. George Tweedy says these are mostly decent size fish, running ¾ to 1 lb. and thick, hitting clam, worm and mussel baits on both tides.

**Capt. Rod** reports Saturday's fishing was a little picky but Sunday's action was good all over the bay. Pool winner Saturday was a 2 lb. 12 oz. flattie caught by a regular by the name of Richie. Catches are being made on worms and mussel on both tides. Sunday saw a steady pick all through the day. The fish are without mud and Rod says it looks like a good season breaking open.

Capt. Neil of the charterboat **Lady Ann** called to say that the boat is all set to roll for the season with the machinery all oiled up and a fresh coat of paint and an eager crew.

The **Captree Queen II** tells us that this week's flounder average was 8 to 10 fish a man. These were mostly medium sized flatties with a few hitting 1½ lbs. The weekend saw the first showing of fish in the Flats at West Island. Heckshere's Buoy 2 and 4 in the deep water areas produced also and there was also some action in the Flats. There are some fish nearly everywhere, says Capt. Gordon Roman, on clam, worms or mussel on both tides. High hooks usually run from 12 to 20 keepers.

## BABYLON

**Babylon Fishing Station** told us that flounders averaging 3/4 lbs. are being taken on clams and worms west of the Babylon Cut head buoy. Clammers have been taking fish regularly for the past two weeks.

Hal Kochanski of **Augie's Tackle Shop** looked over a good catch of 36 flounder made on the Babylon flats by Jimmy Farrel on Sunday. Hal said that flounder fishing is now good in most parts of the bay. He also had news of cod taken on an offshore wreck by the Babylon Tuna Club boat 3 Daughters. Bill Kohler had the biggest of the catch, a fish which weighed in at 39.2.

## SOUTH SHORE BAYS
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## AMITYVILLE

From **George Comb's Bait and Tackle** we received word of good flounder action in Massapequa Cove, Fort Neck Point, near West Island and the Amityville Cut-State Channel Junction. Chumming is essential for good scores with both mussel and corn chum being effective. Mussel and worms both take fish. Most of the fish in the area are in the 1/2 to 1½ lb. range. George asked us to remind trout fans that he has night crawlers in stock.

## SEAFORD

John from **Pop's Fishing Station** called to report good flounder action in Massapequa Cove and at buoys 13 and 14. On Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Longarello used one of the station's skiffs to take 58 flatties up to 1¾ lbs. from a drain near buoy 14. Over the weekend, a Mr. Becker and his grandson took 45 fish up to 2 lbs. 3 oz., while Anthony Pollio, fishing alone on Friday, took 48 good sized flatties. John noted that while both bloodworms and dyed-clams take fish, the bigger flounder have shown a preference for the clam baits. Mussels, corn and rice all work as chum. John also noted that all of the fish being taken now are very clean, so it looks like they're out of the mud to stay.

**Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle** reported good flounder action during the week in the vicinity of Squaw Island, Massapequa Cove and more specifically, the Hole near the 2nd Wantagh Bridge. Worms, mussels and clams have all been effective baits and chumming with either mussels or clams makes a big difference.

There was little activity due to all of the rain on the weekend but a couple of boats did manage to get out, was the word from **Bob's**

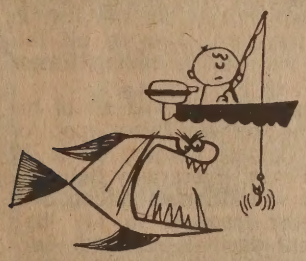
**Fishing Station.** One trio of anglers took 50 keepers at Four Corners on worms and clams. They used mussel chum also. One angler ventured out on his own in the wind and rain and single-handledly accounted for 45 nice flounder. He took his fish on worms and clams and also chummed heavy with mussels.

## BELLMORE

Scotty at **Merrick Tackle** called the flounder fishing in the Merrick Bay area good. He also knew the casters have been taking fish from the Jones Beach Piers. Most of the fish he has seen are nice sized, but need some fattening up. Worms, clams and mussels have all been accounting for the flatties and chumming with eithe mussels or clams greatly improves catches.

## MERRICK

From **Nick's Fishing Station**, George told us that weekend flounder fishing was good with a lot of nice sized fish in the 1-1¼ lb. range being taken. On Saturday, Steve Gersedi and a friend used clams and worms along with mussel chum to take 45 big flounders from Broad Creek. On Sunday, one of George's skiffs fished Merrick Point and returned with 33 nice flatties.




WEST END
SOUTH SHORE
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## FREEPORT

Capt. Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** tells of very good flounder fishing all week, average catches being 15 to 20 keepers a man, fish running up to 1½ lbs. Seventy percent are keepers, hitting worm and mussel baits with best on outgoing tide. All local spots are being worked. On Sunday, North Merrick angler Ben Strum had 28 keepers. Ben was high hook and also grabbed the pool. Ben had sailed Thursday also and had 20 keepers that day. Tony says come on down and fish on Easter Vacation.

The **Capt. Hall** tells of good


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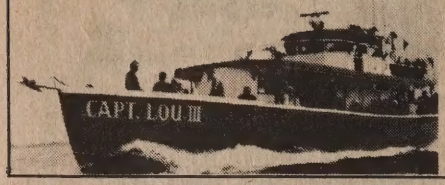


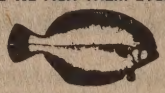

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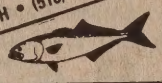

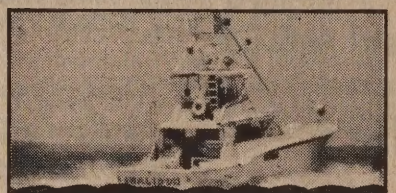

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flounder fishing during this past week despite lack of cooperation from the weatherman. Saturday saw 2 anglers bag 34 keeper flounder between them. On Sunday a man and his son had 14 and 13 keepers, respectively. All keepers are an honest ¾ to 1 lb. weight. Fifty percent of fish boated are keepers.

The **Starstream II** had informed us that the cabin has now been completely refinished and is looking great and that they are now sand blasting to make the boat shine like new.

The **Freeport Boatmens Association** asked us to let you know that they have several open weekday and weekend dates for the month of April still open and that they await your phone call. See ad for number.

Capt. Spider Schmidt of the **Aloma II** tells of pretty good flounder fishing. Friday was excellent he says, with 2 buddies boating 67 keepers between them up to 2 lbs. Catches average 10 to 18 fish a man working the back areas of Baldwin Bay. On Sunday they started picking in Baldwin Bay but ended up with better action in Reynolds Channel to the tune of 10 to 12 flounder a man average. Spider says that with good weather, catches should continue and improve. Catches are being made on bloodworm, clam and mussel with clam and worm best on both tides. The Reynolds Channel fish are not muddy but the fish in Baldwin Bay are. They're all fat. The boat will not be sailing Easter Sunday.

The **Capt. Al** says that all of his trips during the week were good for flounder. Catches ranging up to 30 keepers a man. Even rainy Saturday was good with 18 men taking over 300 flounder from ¾ to 1½ lbs., with lots of doubles included. Sunday's catches were slower with a larger crowd but things took off late in the afternoon and they ended up with again over 300 fish from / to ¾. Catches were averaging 16 to 25 keepers a man during the week. Sunday's extra high tide apparently brought in a rush of cold water.

## POINT LOOKOUT

Marilyn of **Ed's Fishing Station** reported Friday's flounder fishing was excellent, Saturday was a washout and Sunday again saw brisk action with the flatties. She noted that the flats are starting to produce some good scores. As an example, Andy Matarese, Joe Gruebel and Ed Cook took 90 flounder from 3/4 to 1 lb. in weight, fishing the flats with worms and mussels. This was on Friday. On Sunday, Paul Nigido, 10-yrs.-old and his father Tony along with Joe LaRocca took 30 nice flounder in the vicinity of buoys 18 and 19 on clams and mussels.

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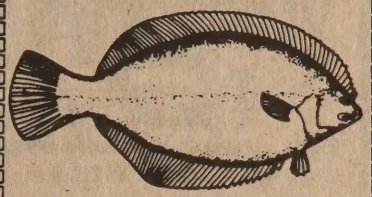

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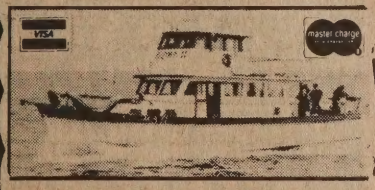


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## TUNA HEARINGS

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given a hearty endorsement by most of those testifying at the hearings. Not only were the essential aspects of that plan shot down in Washington, but all of the regulations were so delayed that the purse seine quota on school tuna was greatly exceeded before they were even implemented.

Hopefully, we'll have a better experience this year. Next week I'll go over the proposed changes in regulations in detail so you'll be prepared to comment in detail at the hearings or by letter.

tells us that Saturday's fishing was picky but Sunday's action was very good with 14 fares bagging roughly 25 keepers per man average. Fishing during the week was very good says Clem, especailly on Friday. Bloodworms, clam and mussel did the trick on both tides. Passengers picked a way all day at every drop made. You do have to work for your fish though said Clem, as the fish are still picky and sluggish.

## LONG BEACH

Tom of the **Long Beach Sports Marina** had a few boats out over the weekend, despite all of the rain. All had fish and most fish in the vicinity of the cement block. Fish have been averaging 3/4 lbs. and are being taken on worms and mussel chum.

## ATLANTIC BEACH

From **Skippy's Bait and Tackle Shop** we learned that Hog Channel and Pearsalls have been very productive during outgoing water. Rocky Smith and Vic Lowenberg fished the latter location and took 76 flounder from 3/4 to 1¾ lbs. They used mussels and worms for bait and chummed with skimmer clams. Skippy had some news for pier fans. He knew of some decent catches being made at the Magnolia Street Pier. One angler checked in a catch of 16 good sized flounder made there on Thursday.

## SHEEPSHEAD BAY

**The Zephyr** reports good and consistent catches of flounders in the 1-1½ lb. range fishing Jersey's Navesink River.

Captain Tom on the **Pilot II** tells of excellent flounder catches at the Navesink. Consistent picking at 1/2 to 1½ lb. fish is filling up customers tubs, says Tom. A 2 lber. took Sunday's pool and catches are from 10-40 keepers a person average on mussel, worm, and clam.

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## SOUTHOLD

Ace at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** tells of good flounder catches whenever boats sailed and that their skiffs are working Smith Cove, Mashomack and the creek mouth at South Ferry for fish up to 2 lbs. Fish are mainly 1-1½ lbers. and they are catching best on mussels. Good flounder catches also being made at the Greenport Oyster factory, Cedar Point, Conklin Pt., and the Goose Creek bridge area. Chumming with mussels is highly recommended and both tides are producing. One fellow fishing alone working 3 rods came back Saturday with 50 keeper flounder. Catches from 25-50 are typical.

## NEW SUFFOLK

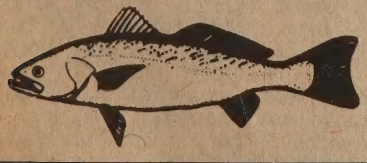
**Capt. Marty's Fishing Staion** tells us that one angler in a skiff returned with 7 flounder up to 2 lbs., fishing Nassau Pt. at buoy 22 with mussels and bloodworm. These were all fat fish.

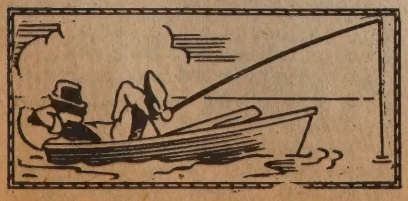
## AQUEBOGUE

**Warren's Bait and Tackle** on Rt. 25A says flounders are starting to be picked at buoy 9 in Peconic Bay. Warren says that up til now not many boats have been out due to the unfavorable weather we've been having but that the fish are now feeding in the Peconics and are just dying to be caught.

## EAST HAMPTON

Bill Cox of the **Three Mile Harbor Fishing Station** called to say that it looks like the flounder fishing in the area is under way. On Friday, Joe George single-handedly took 36 flatties in the 1-2 lb. range using mussels for chum and bait inside of the harbor.



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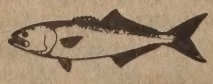

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## ROCKY POINT

Stan at **Rocky Point Fish Stop** reports a rather slow week due to the crummy weather, but did have the information that Shinnecock Canal is producing good numbers of fish, but a little smaller than last week's. Things have also slowed at Quogue Canal's buoy 54 and the fish are a little smaller. Things should revive with some decent weather. Mt. Sinai harbor and Conscience Bay are also giving forth good numbers of small fish.

## MT. SINAI HBR.

John Bach who keeps a boat at **Ralph's Fishing Station** tells us there are very definitely good numbers of flounder in Mt. Sinai harbor. John had 6 one day and 13 the next, this past week. All keepers to 1¼ lbs. on sand worms and mussel chum. He says there's also loads of crabs in the habor, but nothing on the outside.

## PORT JEFFERSON

**Caraftis Fishing Station** informs us that there are plenty of flounder inside Port Jeff harbor and Setauket Harbor up to 1½ lbs., though fish are averaging half pound. There are plenty of small fish also which of course should be returned unharmed to the water. Both tides are producing though things are best one hour on high. Sand worms as hook bait and mussel chumming very important.

## NORTHPORT

Ted Bowman at **Bowman's Sporting Goods** tells us flounder action has been pretty good with Tom himself bagging 17 keeper flounder off the Northport dock this past week. About one-third of all fish caught are keepers. Tom saw a couple of 2 lbers. taken during the week in the harbor. Flood tide is working best, along with sand worms or mussel or clam chum. The Duck Island area has been producing pretty well. Some bass being taken at Lilco on sandworms and small white bucktails. These bass are in the 3-5 lb. range. Some white perch, blacks and porgies are also being picked in the hot water.

## HUNTINGTON

George Valentine at **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** reports some fabulous flounder fishing for his area. Three members of Huntington anglers on Saturday brought back 118 keepers up to 1¼ lbs. George says there's tons of 1/2 to 3/4 lb. flounder and lots from 1-1½ lbs. Hot areas are Northport Bay, the area south of Duck Island, Lloyd Harbor and Marshall Field. Sand worms and plenty of chum is the ticket. Catches of 40-70 keepers are common and there are loads of throwbacks. Two hours on either side of the high are producing best. The docks at Cold Spring Harbor, Huntington Town Dock, Centerport Harbor and Mill Dam docks are all producing fish. There are good bass catches on 3-4 lb. fish being made at Lilco at night on sand worms around the high.

Charterboat **Eclipse** tells of really good flounder fishing at Lloyd Harbor. Lots of midgets but also lots of keepers on sandworms and any moving water.

## GLEN COVE

Capt. Joe on the **Lady Lil II** says that Friday, Saturday and Sunday were dynamite flounder days with Sunday particularly hot. Best action was between Mattinicock Point and Oak Neck, a stretch of 3 miles. Ed Kolakowski was high hook with 59 keeper flounder. Don Martin and Alex Gassman had 95 good flounder between them. All fish were between ½ and 1½ lbs. and were taken on sandworms or yellow dyed clam. Corn rigs seemed to be working


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especially well and fish hit on both tides.

Dave at **Glen Cove Sports** tells us Buddy Cook and Mike Lotito recently had 30 flounder up to 2¾ lbs. fishing at Lilco near Glenwood Landing. On Saturday Mike fished Prybill Beach with sands and mussel chum and bagged 32 flatties up to 1½ lbs., fish averaging 3/4 to 1 lb., best on the flood. About 20-25 yards out from the Prybill pier, very good catches were being made on the flounder and by Sunday, the piers were packed, with most people getting between 12-30 flounder off the pier. Dave reminds you to bring your flounder into the shop for entry in the flounder derby. Party boats have also been working the Prybill area.

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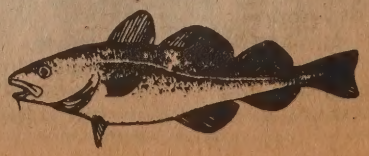
## CITY ISLAND

Capt. Joe Ferrera of the **Ebb Tide II** called to tell of very good flounder fishing at Oyster Bay and Huntington Harbor this past week, with plenty of fish running from midgets to 1½ pounders. Joe says that about 60 percent of the fish were keepers and that it looks like a good season ahead. Fishing was steady all the days they sailed, catches ranging from 15 to 45 keeper flounder a man. On Sunday 45 fares each had 15 or more fish, all on sandworms and a running tide. These fish had mud on their bellies and fortunately fares are returning small fish to the water.

George at **City Island Bait and Tackle** tells us the best flounder activity now is at the Orchard Beach Lagoon where fish are averaging 3/4 lbs., hitting on sand worms and mussel chums. An ebbing tide is best. Flounders also being caught off the City Island Sea Wall.



# CHUM LINES

*THE FISHING WIDOWER OR SEXUAL EQUALITY*

I've been reflecting, Sir,...upon that recent chestnut about sexual equality. Nothing in this world is more powerful than an idea whose time has come. I agree. Male fishermen should be elevated to enjoy sexual equality.

For many years, many women have used their sexual superiority to define themselves as fishing widows. From this vantage point they could liberally dish out the guilts, console themselves for their self-chosen hibernation, solicit the attention of friends with mine's-worse stories and generally achieve an edge on you-owe-mes.

Logically, women could also describe themselves as knitting widow, bridge and coffee klatsch widows and shopping widows, because husbands don't usually join them in these endeavors. (Generally, the male spouse isn't invited.) They could also describe themselves as working widows. Obviously, the widow facade could be equally applied to these activities, but is not for two very basic reasons. They make up the definitions and it would not serve their purpose to use the term "widow" in that context. Conquest is achieved by the ability to define words. Define and survive.

So, to enjoy equality, I will define. Should my wife accept my invitation to the party boat, to cast from the shore or drift across the shoal, it would certainly enhance the quality of my life. If not, lend a compassionate ear to this fishing widower. Your cast, *Sheldon D. Katz, Riverhead, New York.*

*WHERE ARE THE POCKETBOOK GROUNDS?*

As a subscriber to The Long Island Fisherman, on several occasions, I have seen mentioned, either in articles by you or others, the area known as tshe "Pocketbook," outside of Montauk Lake. I have kept my boat at Montauk for the past three years and have never been able to accurately locate this area. I would greatly appreciate it if you could give me Loran numbers, or a description as to how to find it. *Dr. Joseph H. Goldberg, Long Beach, N.Y.*

*Are you trying to get us killed? Loran numbers? Best we can tell you is north of the jetties—the rest is up to you!* Scott S.

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feel this form of fishing could cause the depletion of the species (weakfish) and the potential safety hazards posed by the structures themselves. I realize the decision concerning this matter involves other opinions than my own and the final decision will be based on many facts. However, the question of liability for these nets is paramount. It must be realized that these nets are structures, fences actually, placed across the public waterways which are traveled by thousands of people in expensive equipment. If these nets are to be permitted to be used, responsibility must be defined to a person or legal entity. People have lost their lives and property because of this type of entrapment gear and the owners of these nets were never determined. I propose that the nets be registered much the same as boats are registered so as to establish ownership. Since they are hazardous, they should be treated much the same as automobiles and trucks to guarantee financial responsibility for any damage to people or property caused by these nets. A bond could be posted to cover a minimum amount or an insurance policy could be obtained to cover financial liability, much as the same as a motor vehicle is covered. This bond or policy should be proven to be in force before a net is permitted to be registered and should be continued in force during the entire period of registration. Those nets not registered legally should be removed and confiscated. *Charles C. Klassert, Massapequa.*

### *LIKED WALKER'S CAY*

I am writing to thank you for your "Walker's Cay" article on December 13. My wife and I have just returned from one of the most enjoyable vacations we have ever had. No disappointments; all as represented, guided and watched over by a hard-working, beautiful person: A. Zeisel of Utopia Travel.

Our group caught: a blue marlin, a white marlin, large dolphin, barracuda, wahoo on a 48' Hatteras expertly captained and mated. We also caught jacks, snapper, yellowtail, grunts, porgies and groupers.

Food and drinks were super, and the island as peaceful as you said. *Seymour Stiber, Southold, N.Y.*

### *TIP ON REELS*

As a displaced Long Islander, I find only one comfort regarding the saltwater fishing: the blues hit the surf at Nags Head, North Carolina (a 178 mile drive) in late March or early April.

Although I had carefully serviced my reels for the winter, I found on making ready for the first trip to Nags Head this spring, that the cranking system of my Mitchell 302 was "frozen." I was tempted to try the "hammer and screwdriver" approach, but thought that haste would bring waste. On the other hand, I haven't the patience to wait for "Liquid Wrench" to do its stuff.

So, I heated cooking oil in a saucepan and immersed the stubborn crank assembly. I was delighted by the results. In just a few minutes the assembly was absolutely free. (Be careful...it gets plenty HOT!) After cooling it, i rinsed it with kerosene and then lubed it with regular reel grease and oil. It's good as new.

I don't know if this has been published before. If you find the info useful, you're welcome.

Liked John DeMaio's "Best Part." I have often experienced a blue smacking a popping lure several feet into the air, and not giving up until he was hooked. Amazing! *Alfred H. Grebe, Virginia.*

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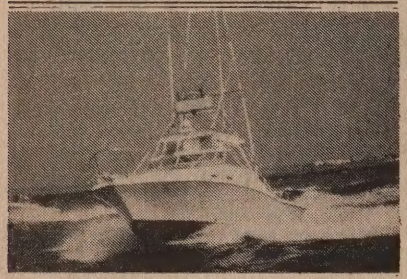

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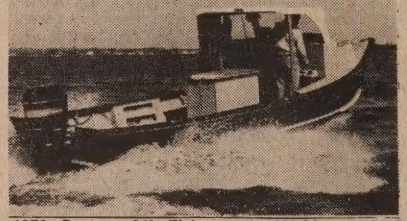

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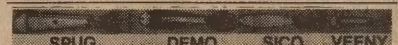


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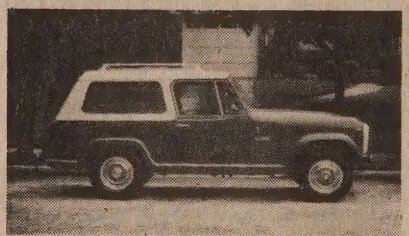

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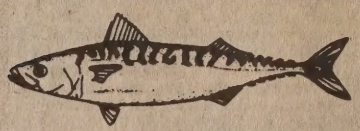

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# HIGH TIDE TABLES

| DAY | SANDY HOOK AM | SANDY HOOK PM | Breakwater Harbor AM | Breakwater Harbor PM | NEW YORK AM | NEW YORK PM | NEW LONDON AM | NEW LONDON PM | WILLETS POINT AM | WILLETS POINT PM | BRIDGE-PORT AM | BRIDGE-PORT PM | NEW-PORT AM | NEW-PORT PM | DATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| THUR. | 9:20 | 9:40 | 10:15 | 10:25 | 10:05 | 10:05 | 11:05 | 11:10 | 12:15 | 12:40 | 12:30 | 12:55 | 9:25 | 9:45 | 4/3 |
| FRI. | 9:55 | 10:20 | 10:50 | 11:05 | 10:35 | 10:40 | 11:45 | 11:55 | 12:50 | 1:15 | 1:05 | 1:30 | 10:10 | 10:25 | 4/4 |
| SAT. | 10:35 | 11:00 | 11:30 | 11:50 | 11:10 | 11:20 | – | 12:25 | 1:30 | 2:00 | 1:45 | 2:15 | 10:50 | 11:10 | 4/5 |
| SUN. | 11:25 | 11:50 | – | 12:20 | 11:55 | – | 12:35 | 1:15 | 2:15 | 2:50 | 2:30 | 3:05 | 11:40 | – | 4/6 |
| MON. | – | 12:20 | 12:40 | 1:15 | 12:10 | 12:50 | 1:30 | 2:15 | 3:05 | 3:40 | 3:20 | 3:55 | 12:05 | 12:40 | 4/7 |
| TUE. | 12:50 | 1:20 | 1:40 | 2:20 | 1:05 | 1:55 | 2:30 | 3:20 | 4:00 | 4:40 | 4:20 | 5:00 | 1:05 | 1:40 | 4/8 |
| WED. | 1:55 | 2:30 | 2:45 | 3:25 | 2:15 | 3:05 | 3:35 | 4:20 | 5:00 | 5:45 | 5:20 | 6:00 | 2:10 | 2:45 | 4/9 |
| THUR. | 3:05 | 3:40 | 3:55 | 4:30 | 3:30 | 4:20 | 4:40 | 5:20 | 6:10 | 6:55 | 6:25 | 7:00 | 3:10 | 3:45 | 4/10 |

## HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

## On SANDY HOOK

| | |
|---|---|
| STATEN ISLAND | + 0 27 |
| ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS | —0 01 |
| Red Bank, Navesink R.I. | + 0 48 |
| Long Branch | —0 34 |
| SHARK RIVER INLET | —0 18 |
| Shark River Basin | + 0 27 |
| MANASQUAN INLET | —0 12 |
| Seaside Park | —0 33 |
| Mantoloking Bridge | + 5 34 |
| TOMS RIVER | + 4 37 |
| Waretown | + 2 33 |
| BARNEGAT LIGHT | —0 20 |
| Manahawkin Bridge | + 2 33 |
| Beach Haven | + 1 47 |
| LITTLE EGG INLET | —0 01 |
| Seven Islands | + 0 12 |
| Graveling Point | + 1 05 |
| Mullica River | + 1 55 |
| Grassy Bay | + 1 08 |
| ABSECON INLET | + 0 14 |
| Atlantic City Pier | —0 26 |
| Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet | + 0 12 |
| GREAT EGG HARBOR | + 0 46 |
| CORSON INLET | + 0 09 |
| TOWNESEND INLET | + 0 06 |
| HEREFORD INLET | + 0 02 |
| Grassy Sound Bridge | + 0 45 |
| Cape May Harbor | —0 02 |
| Rehoboth Beach | —0 07 |
| INDIAN RIVER INLET | + 0 14 |
| SHINNECOCK INLET | —0 50 |
| Shinnecock Bay | + 1 25 |
| East Quogue | + 2 45 |
| Shinnecock Canal | + 1 18 |
| Indian Reservation | + 3 05 |
| MORICHES INLET | —0 56 |
| Smith's Point | + 3 28 |
| Harts Cove | + 1 30 |
| Potunck Point | + 3 35 |
| Mastic Beach | + 3 28 |
| FIRE ISLAND INLET | —0 38 |
| Democrat Point | —0 38 |
| Coast Guard Station | —0 19 |
| Fire Island Light | + 0 47 |
| GREAT SOUTH BAY | |
| Sayville | + 3 39 |
| Heckscher State Pk. | + 3 20 |
| Bay Shore | + 2 23 |
| Babylon | + 2 12 |
| Amityville | + 2 21 |
| JONES INLET | —0 19 |
| Zachs Bay | + 1 25 |
| Seaford Harbor | + 2 05 |
| Freeport Creek | + 0 34 |
| E. ROCKAWAY INLET | —0 06 |
| Long Beach Bridge | + 0 19 |
| ROCKAWAY INLET | —0 00 |
| Beach Ch. Bridge | + 0 38 |
| JFK Airport | + 0 26 |

## On BRIDGEPORT

| | |
|---|---|
| Lloyd Point | + 0 08 |
| Cold Spring Harbor | + 0 08 |
| Bayville Bridge | + 0 13 |
| Eatons Neck Point | + 0 03 |
| Northport Bay | + 0 03 |
| Norwalk Islands | + 0 10 |
| Smithtown Bay | —0 03 |
| Cranes Neck Point | + 0 05 |
| Port Jefferson Harbor | + 0 03 |
| New Haven Harbor | + 0 08 |
| Mount Sinai Harbor | —0 08 |
| Herod Point | —0 07 |
| Mattituck Inlet | + 0 19 |
| Horton Point | —0 20 |
| Truman Beach | —0 42 |
| Falkner Island | —0 13 |
| Sachem Head | —0 10 |
| Branford Harbor | —0 07 |
| New Haven Harbor | —0 08 |
| Milford Harbor | —0 07 |
| Stratford | + 0 27 |
| Shelton | + 1 36 |
| Black Rock Harbor | —0 03 |
| Saugatuck River | —0 01 |
| South Norwalk | + 0 10 |
| Greens Ledge | —0 01 |
| Stamford | + 0 04 |
| Cos Cob Harbor | + 0 06 |
| Greenwich | + 0 02 |

## On NEW LONDON

| | |
|---|---|
| Orient Point | + 0 27 |
| Little Gull Is. (Race) | + 0 12 |
| Greenport | + 1 04 |
| Southold | + 1 43 |
| New Suffolk | + 2 26 |
| South Jamesport | + 2 32 |
| Shinnecock Canal | + 2 33 |
| Noyack Bay | + 2 05 |
| Sag Harbor | + 0 59 |
| Gardiners Bay | + 0 21 |
| Promised Land | —0 14 |
| Montauk Inlet | —0 25 |
| Montauk Point | —1 13 |
| Niantic | + 1 20 |
| Stonington | —0 33 |
| Noank, Mystic River | —0 23 |
| THAMES RIVER | |
| Smith Cove | —0 01 |
| Norwich | + 0 09 |
| CONNECTICUT RIVER | |
| Saybrook jetty | + 1 10 |
| Lyme | + 1 24 |
| Essex | + 1 38 |
| East Haddam | + 2 41 |
| Higganum Creek | + 2 54 |

## On WILLETS PT.

| | |
|---|---|
| Little Neck Bay | —0 10 |
| Execution Light | —0 06 |
| Manhasset Bay | —0 01 |
| Hempstead Harbor | —0 11 |
| City Island | —0 03 |
| Rye Beach | —0 28 |
| Port Chester | —0 09 |
| Mamaroneck | —0 08 |
| New Rochelle | —0 24 |
| Davids Island | —0 02 |

## On B'WATER HB.

| | |
|---|---|
| CAPE MAY POINT | —0 10 |
| Miami Beach | + 1 17 |
| East Point | + 0 53 |
| Egg Island Point | + 0 33 |
| Cape Henlopen | —0 05 |
| ROOSEVELT INLET | + 0 09 |
| Mispillion River Ent. | + 0 33 |
| St. Jones River Ent. | + 0 57 |

## On NEW YORK

| | |
|---|---|
| Jersey City | + 0 07 |
| Geo. Washington Br. | + 0 46 |
| Spuyten Duyvil | + 0 58 |
| Ossining | + 1 53 |
| Peekskill | + 2 24 |
| West Point | + 3 16 |
| Newburg | + 3 42 |

## On NEWPORT

| | |
|---|---|
| Sakonnet | —0 10 |
| Tiverton | + 0 21 |
| Beavertail Point | —0 02 |
| Prudence Is., Sandy Pt. | + 0 10 |
| Bristol | + 0 10 |
| Warren | + 0 21 |
| Nayatt Point | + 0 12 |
| Pawtucket | + 0 21 |
| East Greenwich | + 0 16 |
| Wickford | + 0 12 |
| Narragansett Pier | —0 08 |
| Point Judith Harbor | —0 07 |
| BLOCK ISLAND | |
| Great Salt Pond | + 0 05 |
| Old Harbor | —0 14 |
| Watch Hill Point | + 0 44 |

## SUNRISE/SUNSET

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 4/4 | 5:38 | 6:26 |
| 4/5 | 5:36 | 6:30 |
| 4/6 | 5:35 | 6:31 |
| 4/7 | 5:34 | 6:32 |
| 4/8 | 5:32 | 6:33 |
| 4/9 | 5:30 | 6:34 |
| 4/10 | 5:28 | 6:35 |

## PHASES OF THE MOON

| NEW | 1st Qtr. | FULL | 2nd Qtr. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4/15 | 4/22 | 4/30 | 4/8 |

## The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

| | AM Minor | AM Major | PM Minor | PM Major |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thurs. | 6:25 | 12:35 | 6:45 | 1:00 |
| Fri. | 7:15 | 1:25 | 7:35 | 1:50 |
| Sat. | 8:05 | 2:15 | 8:25 | 2:40 |
| Sun. | 8:55 | 3:10 | 9:20 | 3:35 |
| Mon. | 9:50 | 4:00 | 10:10 | 4:25 |
| Tues. | 10:40 | 4:55 | 11:05 | 5:25 |
| Wed. | 11:40 | 5:50 | 11:55 | 6:15 |
| Thurs. | — | 6:40 | 12:30 | 7:05 |

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